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Confirmation of a Star Formation Bias in Type Ia Supernova Distances and its Effect on Measurement of the Hubble Constant

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ABSTRACT

Previously we used the Nearby Supernova Factory sample to show that SNe Ia having locally star-forming environments are dimmer than SNe Ia having locally passive environments. Here we use the Constitution sample together with host galaxy data from *GALEX* to independently confirm that result. The effect is seen using both the SALT2 and MLCS2k2 lightcurve fitting and standardization methods, with brightness differences of 0.094 ± 0.037 mag for SALT2 and 0.155 ± 0.041 mag for MLCS2k2 with $R_V = 2.5$. When combined with our previous measurement the effect is 0.094 ± 0.025 mag for SALT2. If the ratio of these local SN Ia environments changes with redshift or sample selection, this can lead to a bias in cosmological measurements. We explore this

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issue further, using as an example the direct measurement of H_0 . *GALEX* observations show that the SNe Ia having standardized absolute magnitudes calibrated via the Cepheid period–luminosity relation using *HST* originate in predominately star-forming environments, whereas only $\sim 50\%$ of the Hubble-flow comparison sample have locally star-forming environments. As a consequence, the H_0 measurement using SNe Ia is currently overestimated. Correcting for this bias, we find a value of $H_0^{\text{corr}} = 70.6 \pm 2.6 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ when using the LMC distance, Milky Way parallaxes and the NGC 4258 megamaser as the Cepheid zeropoint, and $68.8 \pm 3.3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ when only using NGC 4258. Our correction brings the direct measurement of H_0 within $\sim 1\sigma$ of recent indirect measurements based on the CMB power spectrum.

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1. Introduction

Empirically-standardized Type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia) have been developed into powerful distance indicators. Their use in deriving the expansion history of the Universe led to the discovery of the acceleration of the cosmological expansion (Perlmutter et al. 1999; Riess et al. 1998). They also have proven to be important in accurately measuring the local Hubble constant, H_0 . The sample of events in nearby host galaxies within the range of Cepheid and maser calibration is growing, and these can be coupled to other SNe Ia at redshifts where host peculiar motions are negligible in comparison to the current cosmic expansion rate. For instance the SH0ES program (Riess et al. 2011, hereafter SH0ES11) has reached a quoted precision of 3% on the measurement of H_0 using SNe Ia, reporting a value of $73.8 \pm 2.4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. Subsequently, Humphreys et al. (2013) adjusted the distance to the NGC 4258 megamaser, used as one of the Cepheid zero-points by SH0ES11, which reduced H_0 to $72.7 \pm 2.4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. More recently, Efstathiou (2014) re-examined the Cepheid analysis of SH0ES11 and made an additional small adjustment, to $H_0 = 72.5 \pm 2.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. Similarly, the HST Key Project and Carnegie Hubble Project (Freedman et al. 2001; Freedman et al. 2012) have relied heavily on SNe Ia to obtain their result of $74.3 \pm 2.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$.

The value of H_0 has become the center of attention recently with the Planck collaboration publication of a smaller, indirect, measurement of $H_0 = 67.3 \pm 1.2 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Planck Collaboration et al. 2014) based on modeling the CMB power spectrum. For a flat Λ CDM cosmology this constitutes a 2.4σ tension with the original SH0ES11 direct measurement. This tension is reduced to 1.9σ when including the updates by Humphreys et al. (2013) and Efstathiou (2014). (See Bennett et al. 2014 for a discussion of this tension and its consequences for cosmology.)

In this paper, we examine the possibility of as-yet-unaccounted-for environmental dependencies affecting SNe Ia, and the potential for bias in the direct measurement of H_0 . Concerns of potential environmental biases in standardized SN Ia distances arise from both theoretical and empirical studies. A wide range of progenitor configurations and explosion scenarios remain in contention. But in all progenitor models, variation is allowed due to differences in mass, composition, geometrical configuration and evolutionary stage. Statistically, the incidence of these factors is modulated by the parent stellar population, i.e., the progenitor environment. The theoretical predictions remain far too uncertain to be applied directly for precision cosmological analyses, motivating empirical studies of the association between SN properties and environment.

Empirical studies using global or nuclear host-galaxy properties have been fruitful in revealing environ-

mental dependencies that remain even after SNe Ia are standardized using their lightcurve widths and colors (e.g. Kelly et al. 2010; Sullivan et al. 2010; Lampeitl et al. 2010; Gupta et al. 2011; D’Andrea et al. 2011). The clearest relation found in these studies is a “step” in the mean Hubble residual between SNe Ia in hosts above and below a total stellar mass of $10^{10.2 \pm 0.5} M_{\odot}$ (Childress et al. 2013a). While there is a predicted trend of SN Ia luminosity with metallicity via the effects of neutronization (Höfllich et al. 1998; Timmes et al. 2003; Kasen et al. 2009), this observed change as a function of host mass via the mass–metallicity relation is simply too fast. However, there is a strong transition between predominately passive to predominately star-forming galaxies around this stellar mass, and a very general star-formation-driven model fits the mass step well (Childress et al. 2013a).

While such studies based on global host properties have been productive, they leave unanswered the deeper connection to the progenitor. Global measurements of environmental properties are light-weighted quantities, and thus will be skewed towards the environmental properties of galaxy cores. Slit or fiber spectroscopy is even more biased in this regard as the outer regions of the galaxy, in which a SN progenitor may have formed, are either geometrically deweighted (when integrating along a slit) or excluded altogether (when using a fiber). Of course the degree of this bias depends on the — generally unknown — projected radial gradients of age and metallicity in the SN hosts. This can be ameliorated in part by measuring host properties in annuli at the same galactocentric radius as the SN (Raskin et al. 2009).

In Rigault et al. (2013, hereafter R13) we went a step further and focused on the immediate environment surrounding each SN. A key insight that motivated the R13 study was the realization that the small velocity dispersion of young stars ($\sim 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$; de Zeeuw et al. 1999; Portegies Zwart et al. 2010; Röser et al. 2010) means that the youngest SN Ia progenitors would not have had time to migrate from the neighborhood where they were formed. Thus, if SNe Ia do indeed have a rapidly falling — $1/t$ — delay time distribution (see e.g. Maoz et al. 2012), then only a minority of SNe Ia would be superimposed on a geometrical region of their host that is unrelated to their birth environment. Even for such cases, the global environment would need to be dramatically different than the progenitor formation environment to produce an incorrect characterization of environment properties.

Galaxy simulations show only limited radial and azimuthal mixing in disk galaxies over 1 Gyr timescales, and the coherence over 10 Gyr is still surprisingly good for a large fraction of stars (see e.g. Roskar et al. 2008a,b; Brunetti et al. 2011; Bird et al. 2012; Roskar et al. 2012; Di Matteo et al. 2013). For this reason, a local measurement was almost certain to be superior to a global measurement in terms of isolating environmental variables influencing progenitor properties.

Using Nearby Supernova Factory observations (SNfactory, Aldering et al. 2002), R13 showed that SN Ia standardized magnitudes depend on the star formation activity of the SN environment within a projected radius of 1 kpc, as traced by $H\alpha$ surface brightness. After standardization using SALT2 (Guy et al. 2007), SNe Ia in locally passive environments (designated as $Ia\epsilon$) are on average brighter than SNe in locally star-forming regions (designated as $Ia\alpha$) by $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.094 \pm 0.031 \text{ mag}^1$. Since the underlying connection is with star formation rather than the $H\alpha$ emission itself, we refer to this effect as the star-formation bias, or SF bias for short.

R13 connected the SF bias to the host-mass step by noting that few of the $Ia\epsilon$ in the SNfactory sample occur in low-mass hosts, leading to a shift in mean brightness with host mass that is driven by the changing fraction of star formation. However, this also implies that simply correcting for the host-mass step will not

¹ $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} \equiv \langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{Ia\alpha} - \langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{Ia\epsilon}$

necessarily correct the star-formation bias (see Appendix A of R13 for details). As discussed there, since the fraction of SNe Ia from passive regions is expected to decrease with lookback time, such a magnitude difference can introduce a redshift-dependent bias in distance measurements based on SNe Ia. More subtle perhaps is the fact that even variations in the ratio of passive to star-forming (SF) hosts within nearby SNe Ia samples may also induce a bias. This may introduce systematic errors into peculiar velocity measurements via the star formation – density relation, and could bias the direct measurement of H_0 when the SN distance ladder relies on distance indicators tied to specific stellar populations.

Given this, confirmation of the star-formation bias and its impact on the cosmological parameters — notably w and H_0 — are of paramount importance. The bias on w was examined R13; potential bias on H_0 is a subject of this paper. We split our investigation into two parts. The first part of the paper, Section 2, presents our main analysis confirming the SF bias in the independent Constitution SN Ia dataset compiled in Hicken et al. (2009, hereafter H09). In the second part of the paper, Section 3, we investigate how the SF bias affects the measurement of H_0 using SNe Ia. We conclude in Section 4.

2. Confirmation of a Star Formation Bias

In this part of the paper, we describe the dataset, measurements and results of our investigation of the SF bias using a SN Ia dataset largely independent of that used in R13. Section 2.1 describes the sample selection, including sources of attrition. Section 2.2 discusses the measurements, including correction for dust extinction and the choice of local metric aperture size. Sections 2.3 and 2.4 present our main results regarding confirmation of the SF bias and the robustness of the results. In Section 2.5 we discuss the structure of the Hubble residuals relative to the bimodal model of R13. Some finer technical aspects of these measurements are given in Appendices A–D for the benefit of interested readers.

2.1. The Comparison Sample

In order to confirm the SF bias previously detected in the SNfactory sample we need an independent nearby Hubble-flow sample for which it is possible to compare SALT2-standardized magnitudes between SNe Ia from locally star-forming and passive environments. The compilation of H09 has been used previously for a number of cosmological analyses (e.g., H09, Kessler et al. 2009; Rest et al. 2014; Riess et al. 2009; Riess et al. 2011) and only six of the SNe Ia have been studied in R13 already. For the nearby Hubble flow range of $0.023 < z < 0.1$ (as used, e.g., by SH0ES11), we find that the H09 compilation contains 110 such Hubble-flow SNe Ia. Because the H09 sample was constructed for cosmological applications, peculiar SNe Ia or those with large extinction or poor lightcurve fits have already been removed. Thus, the H09 compilation appears to be quite suitable for an independent measurement of the SF bias, provided a suitable set of local star-formation measurements can be obtained. A 0.14 ± 0.07 mag offset between E/S0 and Sc/Sd/Irr morphological types in this sample was identified by H09, thus a first comparison between bias revealed by morphological versus local star-formation indicators will be possible.

In the case of R13, it was possible to obtain sensitive measurements of the local $H\alpha$ surface brightness as a direct by-product of the SuperNova Integral Field Spectrograph (SNIFS) observations conducted by the SNfactory. Conventional slit spectroscopy or imaging photometry, as employed for the SN Ia follow-up programs compiled in H09, does not afford any robust parallel quantitative measurement of local star formation. Furthermore, archival $H\alpha$ imaging is quite limited for the galaxies in the H09 compilation. Thus,

suitable H α data for measuring the SF bias in the H09 sample are not currently available.

The far-ultraviolet (FUV) luminosity is another well-established SF indicator. Previously, we used this along with optical data to characterize the global star formation activity of SNfactory SNe Ia host galaxies (Childress et al. 2013a; Childress et al. 2013b), while Neill et al. (2009) did the same for many host galaxies in the H09 sample.

This led us to investigate the availability of sufficiently deep *GALEX* FUV imaging for the H09 host galaxies. We found that 92 out of the 110 H09 Hubble-flow SN Ia host galaxies have UV coverage from the *GALEX* GR6/7 data release in the MAST archive², and that these data have sensitivity sufficient to classify SN Ia environments following the scheme of R13 for most hosts. (Observations from the CAUSE phase of the *GALEX* mission were not considered due to their inhomogeneous nature.) We also investigated the available coverage from SWIFT. There the overlap with the H09 Hubble-flow subsample was too small to be useful and all but two cases had *GALEX* coverage already, and thus we decided not to use the SWIFT data at this time. We therefore proceed to examine the SF bias using a combination of the nearby Hubble-flow SN Ia subset from H09 and UV data from *GALEX*.

As a start, we examine any biases that may arise from excluding the subset of SNe Ia lacking *GALEX* coverage. *GALEX* was ostensibly an all-sky imaging survey (AIS) reaching a 5σ point source depth of $m_{FUV} = 19.9$ AB mag (Morrissey et al. 2007). However partway through the mission the FUV detector failed to function, leading to incomplete FUV coverage. In addition, bright stars were avoided in order to prevent damage to the *GALEX* detectors, leaving coverage gaps concentrated towards the Galactic plane region, which SN surveys avoid anyway. *GALEX* also conducted deeper surveys — the Medium Imaging Survey (MIS) covering 1000 deg^2 to $m_{FUV} = 23.5$ AB mag and the Deep Imaging Survey (DIS) covering 80 deg^2 to $m_{FUV} = 25.0$ AB mag — in fields coincident with other extragalactic surveys. These solid angles are much smaller than the sky coverage typical of nearby SN surveys, and thus constitute a fairly random sampling. Since these variations in *GALEX* coverage with respect to sky location or proximity to bright stars are completely decoupled from characteristics of nearby SN searches, there is no *a priori* expectation for a bias between SNe Ia in hosts with and without *GALEX* coverage. Indeed, application of Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests indicates that lightcurve stretch, color and standardized Hubble residual distributions of the 86 SNe Ia without *GALEX* observations are completely compatible with those having *GALEX* coverage, giving similarity probabilities greater than 16% for all comparisons.

Next we apply the selection criteria used in R13, which we follow in order to provide the best possible comparison to that study. In R13 we eliminated SNe Ia spectroscopically classified as 91T-like according to Scalzo et al. (2012) due to the possibility that they may be so-called super-Chandrasekhar SNe Ia and therefore not representative of SN cosmology samples. In Appendix B.1 we provide details of this selection process, which resulted in the elimination of three 91T-like SNe Ia, one of which lacked *GALEX* FUV coverage anyway. R13 also removed highly-inclined hosts; as discussed in more detail in Appendix B.2, for FUV observations this helps avoid both potential false-positive and false-negative environmental associations. We identified seven SN host galaxies with $i > 80^\circ$; SN 1992ag, SN 1995ac, SN 1997dg, SN 1998eg, SN 2006ak, SN 2006cc and SN 2006gj, and removed them from our baseline analysis.

As a result of these sample selection procedures, which are summarized in Table 1, our baseline analysis will utilize 77 hosts when using Hubble residuals based on SALT2 and 83 hosts when using MLCS2k2 (Jha et al. 2007) Hubble residuals. This sample size compares favorably with the sample of 82 hosts used in R13

²<http://galex.stsci.edu/GR6/>

to discover the SF bias.

2.2. Measurement of Local Star Formation

2.2.1. FUV and $H\alpha$ as Star Formation Indicators

Massive short-lived O and early B type stars with $\gtrsim 17 M_{\odot}$ are responsible for the ionizing radiation that generates $H\alpha$ emission, while FUV emission is produced by O- through late-B stars with $\gtrsim 3 M_{\odot}$. Detection of UV light is therefore an indication of star formation within the preceding 100 Myr (see Calzetti 2013, for a detailed review) and FUV and $H\alpha$ emission are strongly coupled. This makes them consistent and commonly used star formation indicators (see e.g. Sullivan et al. 2000; Bell & Kennicutt 2001; Salim et al. 2007 and generally Lee et al. 2009, 2011 and references therein).

Like $H\alpha$, the FUV flux drops dramatically with the age of the stellar population. In simple stellar-population instantaneous-burst models that account for the late-time contribution of hot subdwarfs, the FUV flux drops by ~ 1.4 dex between 10 Myr and 100 Myr, and then another ~ 3 dex from 100 Myr to 1 Gyr (Han et al. 2007; Leitherer et al. 1999). While this is an exceptionally strong signal, it is complicated by dust extinction that is stronger in the FUV than for $H\alpha$. This not only weakens the ability to detect star formation, but adds non-negligible uncertainty arising from the extinction correction.

There is also a diffuse FUV component, analogous to the diffuse $H\alpha$ commonly observed in nearby spiral galaxies. In Appendix D we provide further details concerning this diffuse emission source, along with our examination of its potential impact. For the equivalent star-formation threshold set in R13 (see below), we find that this component should only marginally affect our classification of SN Ia environments.

After correcting for Galactic and interstellar dust extinction, details of which are discussed in Section 2.2.2, both $H\alpha$ and FUV indicators can be converted to a star formation rate (SFR) surface density, Σ_{SFR} (in $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$):

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{\text{SFR}} &= \kappa_1 \times L_{\text{FUV}}^0 / \mathcal{S} \\ \Sigma_{\text{SFR}} &= \kappa_2 \times \Sigma_{H\alpha}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

In this equation, L_{FUV}^0 is the dust-corrected FUV luminosity (in $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$) summed over an aperture centered at the SN location having area $\mathcal{S} \text{ kpc}^2$. $\Sigma_{H\alpha}$ is the local $H\alpha$ surface brightness (in $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$). The redshifts considered here are small ($z \sim 0.03$), so the FUV and NUV K -corrections are negligible — typically smaller than the measurement errors (Chilingarian & Zolotukhin 2012). Here we use the usual conversion factors $\kappa_1 = 1.08 \times 10^{-28}$ and $\kappa_2 = 5.5 \times 10^{-42}$, as in, e.g., Salim et al. (2007); Kennicutt et al. (2009); Calzetti (2013). Modifications to the initial mass function, metallicity, etc., can alter these conversion factors by ± 0.2 dex; see Table 2 of Hao et al. (2011) for examples. As in R13, we do not attempt to perform corrections to face-on quantities due to uncertainty concerning the 3-dimensional distribution of star formation in local regions. Even for the extreme case of SNe in the planes of pure disks viewed at random inclinations below our limit of $i < 80$ deg, only ~ 0.2 dex of additional scatter is introduced.

In R13 we used an $H\alpha$ surface density threshold of $\log(\Sigma_{H\alpha}) = 38.35$ dex, corresponding to $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) = -2.9$ dex, to split the SNfactory sample into two equal-sized groups. Below this threshold SNe Ia were classified as having a locally passive environment, Ia ϵ , and above this threshold they were classified as having a locally star-forming environment, Ia α . The R13 threshold also happened to be that ensuring a minimum 2σ detection over the SNfactory redshift range, and it was also high enough to limit the impact

of miscategorization caused by diffuse H α emission.

We retain this threshold for the current analysis for consistency with R13. For FUV measurements this threshold is also sufficient to minimize miscategorization due to the aforementioned diffuse FUV light; Boquien et al. (2011) found that for $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) > -2.75$ dex interarm regions in M33 are largely suppressed and our threshold is only slightly below this. The mildly non-linear relation observed between H α and FUV (Lee et al. 2009; Verley et al. 2010) does not affect the placement of this threshold by more than ~ 0.1 dex.

To account for measurement errors, rather than simply dividing the SNe Ia into two groups as in R13, we will estimate a probability for each SN, $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$, giving the chance that its local environment is locally passive. To do so we use the Poisson errors on the measurements of FUV flux and extinction, A_{FUV} (see Section 2.2.2), and calculate the fraction of the resulting $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ distribution that has $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}^{\text{lim}} \leq 10^{-2.9} \text{ M}_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$. We have confirmed the appropriateness of using Poisson uncertainties by measuring aperture fluxes for 10^4 blank sky regions and checking that the results were Poisson-distributed.

2.2.2. Local Dust Correction

Dust is associated with star formation (e.g., Charlot & Fall 2000; Simones et al. 2014; Verley et al. 2010) and so can have a strong impact on the observed UV light around the SN location. The amount of dust depends on many factors such as the geometry, the quantity of metals available to form dust, and dust production and destruction mechanisms and timescales. Nevertheless, for star-forming galaxies there is a good correlation between FUV–NUV color and the amount of FUV dust-absorption, A_{FUV} . Here we use the relation given in Eq. 5 of Salim et al. (2007) to estimate A_{FUV} . (See Conroy et al. 2010 for examples of several alternative extinction relations.) Since this correction is only appropriate for star-forming environments, we face the need to assess whether an environment is star-forming before knowing whether to correct for extinction.

We start by examining the global star-forming properties of the SN host galaxies. The association of dust with star-formation suggests that locally passive environments should not require extinction correction, and in R13 we found that globally passive host galaxies are also locally passive. Thus, in most cases it would be inappropriate to apply extinction corrections to the local environments for SNe in globally passive galaxies. One very useful quantitative measure of star-formation activity is the global specific star-formation rate (sSFR). sSFR measurements are available for $\sim 60\%$ of the host galaxies in our sample. These are based primarily on UV and optical colors (Neill et al. 2009), plus NIR for some (Childress et al. 2013b). Using sSFR, we categorize host galaxies with conclusively low sSFR as globally passive and those with conclusively high sSFR as globally star-forming. Specifically, to be considered conclusively low or high, we require that the measured sSFR be, respectively, one standard deviation below or above a boundary set at $\text{sSFR} = -10.5$ dex. In Table 2, we designate these as having host types of Pa and SF, respectively. Cases where the sSFR is within one standard deviation of the threshold are designated as $\sim\text{Pa}$ and $\sim\text{SF}$, depending on whether their sSFR is, respectively, below or above -10.5 dex.

When a sSFR measurement is not available, we rely on morphology. Gil de Paz et al. (2007) have shown that morphological type is another useful means of selecting those galaxies that follow the star-forming UV color relation. Host galaxies with E/S0 morphological classifications are considered to be globally passive, while later morphological types are considered to be globally star-forming. Again, in Table 2 these are designated as Pa or SF, respectively.

Once these global designations are assigned, we consider the local environments of SNe in globally passive host galaxies to be ineligible for extinction correction. That is, those local environments for SNe in host galaxies with conclusively low sSFR, or, when sSFR is not available, E/S0 morphology, are not corrected for extinction. Those local environments for SNe in host galaxies that have conclusively high sSFR, or, when sSFR is not available, non-E/S0 morphology, are corrected using the relation from Salim et al. (2007). For cases with a global sSFR measurement that is inconclusively passive or star-forming, in accord with the association of dust with star-formation, we apply an extinction correction if the local FUV signal is detected at greater than 2σ . We have checked that using our morphological criterion in place of sSFR for cases where the sSFR is poorly measured does not change which cases are corrected for dust. Finally, the hosts of SN 2005hc and SN 2005mc were cases of early type galaxies with inconclusive sSFR measurement where local star-formation was detected (see Appendix C.1); extinction corrections were applied in these cases.

With this procedure we can be fairly certain that an extinction correction is being applied only when appropriate. Since the uncertainty on the FUV–NUV color is sometimes large, we include a prior on the resulting A_{FUV} based on the A_{FUV} versus color distribution measured for spiral galaxies by Salim et al. (2007). This prior leads to a typical $A_{FUV} = 2.0 \pm 0.6$ mag for large FUV–NUV uncertainties (see also Salim et al. 2005). For completeness, we report in Table 2 our best estimate of A_{FUV} based on FUV–NUV color and the Salim et al. (2007) relation, whether or not it was actually applied. With this, the interested reader can examine the impact of making slightly different choices regarding the extinction correction. The maximum A_{FUV} allowed in the relation of Salim et al. (2007) is 3.37 mag; thus extinction correction can increase $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ by at most 1.35 dex, and 0.8 dex will be more typical. Therefore, proper extinction correction is important, but can only affect the classification of SN hosts whose star-formation surface density is already near our threshold.

To obtain our final values of Σ_{SFR} , we combine the uncertainties on the FUV fluxes with the uncertainties on A_{FUV} by convolving the two probability distribution functions. The local extinction-corrected FUV flux is then converted into Σ_{SFR} using Eq. 1. In Section 2.4 we explore the effect of applying a blanket correction to the local environments of all globally star-forming hosts.

2.2.3. Local Aperture Size Appropriate for GALEX FUV Data

The local star formation measurements in R13 were performed in a metric aperture of 1 kpc radius; the integrated flux within such a metric aperture will fade as $1/((1+z)^2 d_L^2)$ for nearby galaxies. The spatial resolution of SNIFS observations was ~ 1 arcsecond FWHM, thus the aperture ranged from $1.2\times$ to $3.3\times$ the spatial resolution over the $0.03 < z < 0.08$ redshift range of the SNfactory sample.

While the redshift range of the H09 sample is lower, the $4''.2$ FWHM spatial resolution of the *GALEX* FUV channel is considerably worse than that of the R13 sample observed with SNIFS. For a point source this means that a metric aperture of 1 kpc radius will measure a quickly decreasing fraction of the PSF, resulting in even more signal loss as a function of redshift. If a galaxy has extended FUV emission, the signal does not fade in this way, but instead includes more and more contaminating signal from outside the true local environment as redshift increases. This could lead to a miscategorization of the local environment, in particular a star-forming region or diffuse FUV light contaminating the signal for a region that is locally passive.

As a compromise we have settled on a 2 kpc radius aperture — twice the diameter used in R13. At the median redshift of our H09 subsample, $z_{\text{med}} = 0.032$, this aperture will subtend $6''.2$ and enclose

approximately 65% of the FUV light from a compact source such as an isolated star cluster. We test the influence of the aperture size on our results in Section 2.4. Then, in Appendix C.2 we examine the extent to which the local environment signal of small hosts might be diluted due to this larger aperture.

2.2.4. SN Ia local FUV Measurements

The local UV signal is obtained from *GALEX* images by summing the number of counts within a 2 kpc radius around the SN location from the “int” images after removing the background signal given in the “skybg” images³. Uncertainties arise from photon noise only. Counts are converted into AB-magnitudes using zero points of 18.82 and 20.08 for the FUV and the NUV channels, respectively (Morrissey et al. 2007). The images were inspected for contamination by known AGN or bright stars; not surprisingly no such cases were found since such contamination likely would have made a SN a poor choice for cosmology analyses in the first place (see Appendix C.1 for the case of a new LINER discovered in this process).

Accurate SN Ia positions for use in positioning the measurement apertures are taken from Hicken et al. (2009), Hamuy et al. (1996) or NED⁴. The astrometric accuracy of the *GALEX* dataset is 0''.59 for FUV and 0''.49 for NUV (Morrissey et al. 2007). The coordinate uncertainties for the SNe and from *GALEX* are therefore much smaller than the projected angular size of our metric aperture.

The measured FUV and NUV fluxes were then corrected for Galactic extinction using the Schlegel et al. (1998) dust map and the Galactic extinction curve derived by Cardelli et al. (1989) as updated by O'Donnell (1994). For a Cardelli et al. (1989) dust curve parameter of $R_V = 3.1$ this gives $A_{FUV}^{MW} = 7.9 E(B - V)$ and $A_{NUV}^{MW} = 8.0 E(B - V)$. We assume a statistical error of 16% on the values of A_{FUV}^{MW} and A_{NUV}^{MW} , correlated between bands (Schlegel et al. 1998).

The resulting measurements are summarized in Table 2.

³<http://www.galex.caltech.edu/researcher/faq.html>

⁴<http://www.ned.ipac.caltech.edu>. We found the NED coordinates for many SNe Ia from Hamuy et al. (1996) to be in error.

Table 1. Composition of the comparison sample.

	SALT2	Number of SNe Ia MLCS2k2		
		$R_V = 1.7$	$R_V = 2.5$	$R_V = 3.1$
H09 sample within $0.023 < z < 0.1$	104	110	105	109
– No <i>GALEX</i> data	18	18	15	16
– 91T-like	3	2	2	3
– Highly-inclined host	7	7	7	7
Main analysis comparison sample	77	83	81	84

Note. — Our MLCS2k2 $R_V = 2.5$ subsample is constructed from the intersection of the H09 $R_V = 1.7$ and $R_V = 3.1$ samples. The 91T-like SN1999gp has no *GALEX* data, and no MLCS2k2 $R_V = 1.7$ measurement in H09.

Table 2. FUV measurements of the Hubble-flow SN Ia Sample.

Name	SALT	ΔM_B^{corr} (mag)	MLCS2k2	z	Exp. (sec)	GALEX data		Local AFUV (mag)	Global Host Class	Local Dust Corr.	$\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ ($M_{\odot}/\text{kpc}^2/\text{yr}$)	$\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ (%)	Cuts Applied
		$R_V = 1.7$	$R_V = 2.5$			FUV (mag)	NUV (mag)						
1990O	-0.14 ± 0.19	-0.02 ± 0.16	-0.02 ± 0.16	0.031	145	22.77 ± 0.64	24.73 ± 1.68	1.9 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.53^{+0.10}_{-0.53}$	22	
1990af	-0.13 ± 0.18	-0.28 ± 0.19	-0.25 ± 0.20	0.050	489	27.35 ± 10.11	> 21.8	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-4.68^{+0.35}_{-\infty}$	100	
1991U	-0.35 ± 0.20	...	...	0.033	219	21.43 ± 0.36	20.63 ± 0.10	2.2 ± 0.6	\sim SF	Y	$-1.83^{+0.23}_{-0.68}$	6	
1992J	-0.27 ± 0.19	...	...	0.046	218	26.61 ± 7.93	24.22 ± 0.80	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-4.47^{+0.56}_{-\infty}$	100	
1992P	$+0.10 \pm 0.20$	$+0.11 \pm 0.17$	$+0.14 \pm 0.18$	0.026	...	no image	no image	...	\sim SF	...	...	...	UV
1992ae	-0.08 ± 0.18	-0.08 ± 0.19	-0.08 ± 0.20	0.075	558	24.00 ± 0.83	23.47 ± 0.24	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-2.98^{+0.29}_{-0.86}$	61	
1992ag	-0.30 ± 0.20	-0.21 ± 0.18	-0.23 ± 0.19	0.026	184	19.38 ± 0.11	19.20 ± 0.05	1.3 ± 0.3	\sim SF	Y	$-1.58^{+0.04}_{-0.13}$	0	Incl.
1992bg	...	-0.01 ± 0.17	$+0.00 \pm 0.17$	0.036	199	22.23 ± 0.45	22.78 ± 0.38	1.7 ± 0.5	SF	Y	$-2.25^{+0.97}_{-0.35}$	10	
1992bh	$+0.12 \pm 0.18$	$+0.26 \pm 0.16$	$+0.24 \pm 0.17$	0.045	175	22.78 ± 0.54	22.51 ± 0.28	1.9 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.18^{+0.05}_{-0.43}$	11	
1992bk	$+0.15 \pm 0.28$	-0.05 ± 0.23	-0.03 ± 0.22	0.058	1021	26.28 ± 1.64	25.40 ± 0.62	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-4.12^{+0.17}_{-\infty}$	100	
1992bl	-0.05 ± 0.20	-0.08 ± 0.18	-0.04 ± 0.17	0.043	208	> 21.5	26.24 ± 3.11	2.0 ± 0.6	\sim Pa	N	< -3.8	100	
1992bp	-0.27 ± 0.17	-0.16 ± 0.15	-0.13 ± 0.14	0.079	106	> 20.6	27.41 ± 9.45	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	< -3.0	66	
1992br	$+0.11 \pm 0.21$	-0.63 ± 0.22	-0.51 ± 0.24	0.088	...	no image	no image	...	Pa	...	...	...	UV
1992bs	$+0.20 \pm 0.17$	$+0.23 \pm 0.18$	$+0.23 \pm 0.19$	0.063	216	22.45 ± 0.40	23.13 ± 0.32	1.6 ± 0.5	SF	Y	$-1.87^{+0.07}_{-0.29}$	5	
1993B	-0.11 ± 0.17	$+0.07 \pm 0.17$	$+0.10 \pm 0.17$	0.071	192	23.14 ± 0.61	22.14 ± 0.21	2.1 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-1.84^{+0.10}_{-0.54}$	11	
1993H	...	-0.25 ± 0.17	-0.22 ± 0.17	0.025	137	23.05 ± 0.88	22.34 ± 0.35	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.78^{+0.12}_{-0.83}$	39	
1993O	$+0.02 \pm 0.17$	$+0.11 \pm 0.14$	$+0.16 \pm 0.14$	0.052	215	> 21.1	25.08 ± 1.34	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	< -3.8	99	
1993ac	$+0.05 \pm 0.19$	$+0.06 \pm 0.19$	$+0.05 \pm 0.21$	0.049	224	26.19 ± 6.78	24.36 ± 0.78	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-4.24^{+0.30}_{-\infty}$	98	
1993ag	-0.05 ± 0.18	$+0.23 \pm 0.16$	$+0.22 \pm 0.16$	0.050	...	no image	no image	...	Pa	...	...	...	UV
1994M	$+0.03 \pm 0.20$	-0.01 ± 0.18	-0.02 ± 0.18	0.024	109	> 22.5	24.97 ± 2.68	2.0 ± 0.6	\sim Pa	N	< -4.3	100	
1994T	-0.02 ± 0.19	-0.28 ± 0.16	-0.20 ± 0.16	0.036	136	> 21.8	25.05 ± 1.93	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	< -4.3	100	
1995ac	-0.32 ± 0.17	-0.23 ± 0.13	-0.27 ± 0.14	0.049	211	23.99 ± 0.91	22.83 ± 0.30	2.1 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.53^{+0.12}_{-0.90}$	26	Incl.
1996C	$+0.20 \pm 0.20$	$+0.32 \pm 0.16$	$+0.34 \pm 0.17$	0.028	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
1996bl	-0.12 ± 0.18	-0.00 ± 0.15	-0.01 ± 0.16	0.035	221	22.15 ± 0.35	22.18 ± 0.21	1.7 ± 0.5	SF	Y	$-2.24^{+0.07}_{-0.30}$	7	
1997dg	$+0.41 \pm 0.19$	$+0.38 \pm 0.16$	$+0.38 \pm 0.16$	0.030	488	21.63 ± 0.22	21.96 ± 0.13	1.2 ± 0.4	\sim SF	Y	$-2.38^{+0.08}_{-0.32}$	5	Incl.
1998ab	-0.31 ± 0.19	-0.32 ± 0.16	-0.37 ± 0.16	0.028	316	20.52 ± 0.23	20.36 ± 0.07	1.6 ± 0.4	SF	Y	$-1.84^{+0.41}_{-0.69}$	2	91T
1998dx	-0.10 ± 0.18	-0.15 ± 0.14	-0.16 ± 0.14	0.054	153	> 21.3	26.29 ± 3.72	2.0 ± 0.6	\sim Pa	N	< -3.7	97	
1998eg	$+0.07 \pm 0.21$	$+0.09 \pm 0.18$	$+0.08 \pm 0.18$	0.024	166	22.87 ± 0.69	23.88 ± 0.96	1.9 ± 0.6	\sim Pa	N	$-3.56^{+0.06}_{-0.44}$	100	Incl.
1999aw ^b	$+0.07 \pm 0.18$	...	...	0.039	322	27.66 ± 19.96	> 22.4	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	< -3.5	75	
1999cc	-0.03 ± 0.18	-0.05 ± 0.15	-0.06 ± 0.15	0.032	137	21.93 ± 0.40	20.92 ± 0.14	2.2 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.03^{+0.09}_{-0.40}$	9	
1999ef	$+0.24 \pm 0.19$	$+0.33 \pm 0.16$	$+0.37 \pm 0.16$	0.038	112	23.98 ± 1.31	23.14 ± 0.52	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.78^{+0.16}_{-\infty}$	40	
1999gp	$+0.01 \pm 0.19$	...	...	0.026	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	91T UV

Table 2—Continued

Name	SALT	ΔM_B^{corr} (mag)	z	Exp. (sec)	GALEX data			Local A_{FUV} (mag)	Global Host Class	Local Dust Corr.	$\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ ($M_{\odot}/\text{kpc}^2/\text{yr}$)	$\mathcal{P}(\text{Iac})$ (%)	Cuts Applied
		$R_V = 1.7$	$R_V = 2.5$		FUV (mag)	NUV (mag)							
2000bh	-0.12 ± 0.21	$+0.00 \pm 0.20$	$+0.02 \pm 0.20$	...	no image	no image	...	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2000ca	-0.16 ± 0.20	-0.15 ± 0.16	-0.11 ± 0.16	3362	20.93 ± 0.07	20.21 ± 0.02	2.6 ± 0.2	2.6 ± 0.2	SF	Y	$-1.72^{+0.26}_{-0.40}$	0	
2000cf	$+0.18 \pm 0.18$	$+0.17 \pm 0.14$	$+0.18 \pm 0.15$	204	21.76 ± 0.46	21.22 ± 0.13	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-1.93^{+0.28}_{-0.76}$	8	
2001ah	-0.10 ± 0.18	-0.03 ± 0.17	$+0.02 \pm 0.16$	...	no image	no image	...	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2001az	$+0.05 \pm 0.18$	-0.04 ± 0.15	$+0.00 \pm 0.15$	...	no image	22.62 ± 0.28	...	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2001ba	$+0.10 \pm 0.19$	$+0.08 \pm 0.15$	$+0.13 \pm 0.14$	107	22.38 ± 0.63	22.53 ± 0.42	1.9 ± 0.6	1.9 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.39^{+0.09}_{-0.48}$	16	
2001eh	-0.05 ± 0.18	$+0.12 \pm 0.13$	$+0.14 \pm 0.13$	...	no image	no image	...	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2001gb	...	$+0.04 \pm 0.23$	...	...	no image	no image	...	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2001ic	...	-0.10 ± 0.21	...	208	> 21.8	23.89 ± 0.66	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	< -5.8	100	
2001ie	-0.02 ± 0.20	-0.03 ± 0.18	-0.04 ± 0.20	103	> 22.0	25.22 ± 2.40	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	< -3.9	100	
2002G	$+0.04 \pm 0.24$	-0.40 ± 0.35	-0.41 ± 0.38	173	23.36 ± 0.72	22.07 ± 0.22	2.1 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.55^{+0.11}_{-0.65}$	24	
2002bf	-0.20 ± 0.21	$+0.13 \pm 0.18$	$+0.11 \pm 0.19$	112	22.04 ± 0.47	20.40 ± 0.12	2.5 ± 0.6	2.5 ± 0.6	~SF	Y	$-2.18^{+0.10}_{-0.48}$	12	
2002bz	$+0.11 \pm 0.24$	-0.01 ± 0.18	...	...	no image	no image	...	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2002ck	$+0.02 \pm 0.19$	$+0.02 \pm 0.17$	$+0.03 \pm 0.17$	...	no image	no image	...	...	~SF	...	...	...	UV
2002de	$+0.06 \pm 0.20$	$+0.12 \pm 0.16$	$+0.08 \pm 0.18$	110	20.51 ± 0.23	19.80 ± 0.09	2.2 ± 0.5	2.2 ± 0.5	SF	Y	$-1.58^{+0.07}_{-0.29}$	3	
2002hd	-0.31 ± 0.19	-0.34 ± 0.17	-0.33 ± 0.18	112	23.10 ± 0.80	21.59 ± 0.22	2.1 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-3.28^{+0.09}_{-0.51}$	94	
2002he	$+0.08 \pm 0.21$	-0.08 ± 0.19	-0.06 ± 0.19	110	25.01 ± 3.10	23.28 ± 0.68	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	~SF	N	$-4.37^{+0.35}_{-0.27}$	100	
2002hu	-0.11 ± 0.18	-0.03 ± 0.13	$+0.00 \pm 0.13$	128	25.03 ± 2.68	22.90 ± 0.44	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	~SF	N	$-4.00^{+0.27}_{-0.16}$	100	
2003D	...	-0.26 ± 0.19	-0.32 ± 0.20	168	24.11 ± 1.60	21.76 ± 0.22	2.1 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-4.10^{+0.16}_{-0.08}$	100	
2003U	-0.04 ± 0.22	-0.12 ± 0.16	-0.08 ± 0.16	170	21.73 ± 0.34	21.16 ± 0.15	2.0 ± 0.5	2.0 ± 0.5	SF	Y	$-2.15^{+0.08}_{-0.33}$	7	
2003ch	$+0.14 \pm 0.19$	$+0.25 \pm 0.16$	$+0.24 \pm 0.16$	204	26.17 ± 7.04	24.56 ± 1.44	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-4.67^{+0.45}_{-0.09}$	100	
2003cq	-0.04 ± 0.21	$+0.00 \pm 0.20$	-0.06 ± 0.24	81	22.11 ± 0.56	21.78 ± 0.28	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.15^{+0.09}_{-0.45}$	11	
2003fa	-0.11 ± 0.18	$+0.03 \pm 0.13$	$+0.04 \pm 0.12$	128	26.09 ± 5.75	24.95 ± 1.70	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	~SF	N	$-4.40^{+0.53}_{-0.08}$	100	
2003hu	-0.28 ± 0.22	-0.15 ± 0.17	-0.13 ± 0.18	294	23.70 ± 0.64	22.86 ± 0.24	2.1 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.03^{+0.10}_{-0.54}$	12	
2003ic ^a	-0.29 ± 0.18	-0.27 ± 0.16	-0.28 ± 0.16	2511	24.70 ± 0.36	24.06 ± 0.17	2.1 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-3.56^{+0.05}_{-0.18}$	100	91T
2003it	$+0.13 \pm 0.21$	$+0.04 \pm 0.19$	$+0.02 \pm 0.19$	1613	21.84 ± 0.12	21.52 ± 0.06	1.6 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.3	SF	Y	$-2.51^{+0.04}_{-0.15}$	4	
2003iv	$+0.18 \pm 0.20$	$+0.24 \pm 0.16$	$+0.22 \pm 0.16$	301	24.54 ± 1.39	23.48 ± 0.44	2.0 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	$-3.92^{+0.13}_{-0.08}$	100	
2004L	$+0.04 \pm 0.20$	$+0.11 \pm 0.17$	$+0.02 \pm 0.19$	385	21.00 ± 0.23	20.65 ± 0.07	1.8 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.4	SF	Y	$-1.80^{+0.31}_{-0.61}$	2	
2004as	$+0.16 \pm 0.19$	$+0.27 \pm 0.15$	$+0.27 \pm 0.16$	106	21.20 ± 0.32	21.38 ± 0.20	1.6 ± 0.5	1.6 ± 0.5	SF	Y	$-1.98^{+0.07}_{-0.26}$	4	
2005eq	$+0.08 \pm 0.19$	$+0.21 \pm 0.15$	$+0.26 \pm 0.15$	1693	23.74 ± 0.35	22.73 ± 0.12	2.3 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.6	~SF	Y	$-2.82^{+0.08}_{-0.38}$	38	
2005eu	$+0.01 \pm 0.19$	$+0.10 \pm 0.15$	$+0.14 \pm 0.14$	3352	22.30 ± 0.10	22.07 ± 0.05	1.3 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.3	SF	Y	$-2.48^{+0.04}_{-0.13}$	2	
2005hc ^a	$+0.08 \pm 0.17$	$+0.11 \pm 0.14$	$+0.18 \pm 0.14$	3269	22.89 ± 0.13	22.67 ± 0.07	1.4 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.3	~SF	Y	$-2.42^{+0.04}_{-0.15}$	2	

Table 2—Continued

Name	SALT	ΔM_B^{corr} (mag)	$R_V = 1.7$	$R_V = 2.5$	z	Exp. (sec)	GALEX data			Local AFUV (mag)	Global Host Class	Local Dust Corr.	$\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ ($M_\odot/\text{kpc}^2/\text{yr}$)	$\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ (%)	Cuts Applied
2005hf	+0.06 ± 0.20	+0.10 ± 0.16	+0.09 ± 0.16	+0.09 ± 0.16	0.042	190	26.13 ± 4.19	23.47 ± 0.48	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-4.35 ^{+0.47} _{-∞}	100	
2005hj	+0.15 ± 0.18	+0.09 ± 0.14	+0.15 ± 0.13	+0.15 ± 0.13	0.057	1675	24.32 ± 0.37	23.90 ± 0.19	1.9 ± 0.5	SF	Y	Y	-2.58 ^{+0.08} _{-0.35}	18	
2005iq	+0.21 ± 0.18	+0.18 ± 0.15	+0.22 ± 0.15	+0.22 ± 0.15	0.033	112	21.89 ± 0.43	21.88 ± 0.26	1.8 ± 0.5	~SF	Y	Y	-2.15 ^{+0.07} _{-0.34}	8	
2005ir	+0.45 ± 0.19	+0.24 ± 0.14	+0.28 ± 0.14	+0.28 ± 0.14	0.075	121	23.13 ± 0.73	22.22 ± 0.27	2.1 ± 0.6	SF	Y	Y	-1.81 ^{+0.11} _{-0.62}	12	
2005lz	+0.18 ± 0.18	+0.18 ± 0.15	+0.16 ± 0.16	+0.16 ± 0.16	0.040	...	no image	> 22.4	...	SF	...	...	...	...	UV
2005mc ^a	+0.17 ± 0.20	+0.01 ± 0.16	-0.03 ± 0.16	-0.03 ± 0.16	0.026	1616	23.49 ± 0.28	22.06 ± 0.08	2.9 ± 0.5	~Pa	Y	Y	-2.54 ^{+0.07} _{-0.31}	14	
2005ms	+0.09 ± 0.19	+0.20 ± 0.16	+0.23 ± 0.16	+0.23 ± 0.16	0.026	216	> 22.4	24.26 ± 0.99	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	Y	< -3.6	98	
2005na	-0.07 ± 0.19	-0.14 ± 0.16	-0.08 ± 0.16	-0.08 ± 0.16	0.027	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	...	UV
2006S	+0.11 ± 0.18	+0.10 ± 0.14	+0.15 ± 0.15	+0.15 ± 0.15	0.033	96	21.53 ± 0.39	21.57 ± 0.23	1.8 ± 0.5	SF	Y	Y	-2.03 ^{+0.08} _{-0.33}	6	
2006ac	-0.06 ± 0.20	+0.01 ± 0.17	+0.03 ± 0.17	+0.03 ± 0.17	0.024	213	20.19 ± 0.14	19.99 ± 0.07	1.4 ± 0.4	SF	Y	Y	-1.92 ^{+0.05} _{-0.16}	1	
2006ak	+0.00 ± 0.22	-0.04 ± 0.19	+0.01 ± 0.18	+0.01 ± 0.18	0.039	198	22.03 ± 0.46	21.93 ± 0.19	1.8 ± 0.5	~SF	Y	Y	-2.04 ^{+0.17} _{-0.61}	8	Incl.
2006al	+0.02 ± 0.18	+0.19 ± 0.14	+0.21 ± 0.14	+0.21 ± 0.14	0.069	1575	26.37 ± 1.20	> 21.7	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-4.00 ^{+0.13} _{-∞}	100	
2006an ^b	-0.05 ± 0.17	+0.18 ± 0.14	+0.21 ± 0.13	+0.21 ± 0.13	0.065	93	> 21.1	24.05 ± 0.83	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	Y	< -2.2	23	
2006az	-0.06 ± 0.18	-0.08 ± 0.14	-0.05 ± 0.14	-0.05 ± 0.14	0.032	187	23.19 ± 0.64	22.08 ± 0.22	2.1 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-3.43 ^{+0.07} _{-0.39}	100	
2006bd	...	+0.14 ± 0.17	+0.16 ± 0.19	+0.16 ± 0.19	0.026	1607	25.73 ± 1.16	23.60 ± 0.19	2.1 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-4.50 ^{+0.12} _{-∞}	100	
2006bt	-0.01 ± 0.18	+0.05 ± 0.14	-0.07 ± 0.15	-0.07 ± 0.15	0.033	205	> 22.0	> 22.7	2.0 ± 0.6	~SF	N	N	< -4.2	100	
2006bu	+0.07 ± 0.23	-0.10 ± 0.14	-0.06 ± 0.13	-0.06 ± 0.13	0.084	1675	> 20.4	26.17 ± 0.65	2.0 ± 0.6	SF	Y	Y	< -3.7	99	
2006bw	-0.04 ± 0.21	-0.15 ± 0.18	-0.14 ± 0.19	-0.14 ± 0.19	0.031	1696	> 22.1	25.62 ± 0.95	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	< -4.9	100	
2006bz	...	-0.20 ± 0.16	-0.24 ± 0.18	-0.24 ± 0.18	0.028	25656	25.45 ± 0.27	23.95 ± 0.06	3.1 ± 0.4	Pa	N	N	-4.45 ^{+0.10} _{-0.27}	100	
2006cc	+0.27 ± 0.18	+0.25 ± 0.14	+0.01 ± 0.15	+0.01 ± 0.15	0.033	904	22.97 ± 0.26	22.26 ± 0.11	2.2 ± 0.5	~SF	Y	Y	-2.45 ^{+0.07} _{-0.31}	11	Incl.
2006cf	-0.03 ± 0.20	-0.01 ± 0.15	+0.04 ± 0.15	+0.04 ± 0.15	0.042	108	21.48 ± 0.36	21.29 ± 0.19	1.8 ± 0.5	SF	Y	Y	-1.77 ^{+0.07} _{-0.31}	5	
2006cg	-0.50 ± 0.26	-0.55 ± 0.18	-0.51 ± 0.20	-0.51 ± 0.20	0.029	1391	24.97 ± 0.67	23.47 ± 0.19	2.2 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-4.22 ^{+0.07} _{-0.41}	100	
2006cj	+0.29 ± 0.18	+0.20 ± 0.13	+0.23 ± 0.13	+0.23 ± 0.13	0.068	25656	23.85 ± 0.08	23.39 ± 0.03	1.8 ± 0.3	~SF	Y	Y	-2.29 ^{+0.10} _{-0.26}	0	
2006cq	+0.05 ± 0.18	+0.18 ± 0.16	+0.21 ± 0.17	+0.21 ± 0.17	0.049	1660	23.77 ± 0.27	23.01 ± 0.11	2.2 ± 0.5	SF	Y	Y	-2.39 ^{+0.08} _{-0.32}	10	
2006cs	...	-0.00 ± 0.18	-0.03 ± 0.21	-0.03 ± 0.21	0.024	106	23.57 ± 1.10	23.51 ± 0.75	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-3.79 ^{+0.10} _{-0.70}	100	
2006en	+0.10 ± 0.19	+0.12 ± 0.17	+0.12 ± 0.19	+0.12 ± 0.19	0.031	265	21.04 ± 0.19	20.08 ± 0.07	2.7 ± 0.5	SF	Y	Y	-1.51 ^{+0.07} _{-0.27}	2	
2006gj	+0.27 ± 0.20	+0.09 ± 0.17	-0.12 ± 0.17	-0.12 ± 0.17	0.028	224	24.21 ± 1.44	23.84 ± 0.73	2.0 ± 0.6	~Pa	N	N	-3.96 ^{+0.16} _{-∞}	100	Incl.
2006gr	+0.09 ± 0.18	+0.19 ± 0.14	+0.19 ± 0.15	+0.19 ± 0.15	0.034	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	...	UV
2006gt	...	+0.14 ± 0.17	+0.18 ± 0.18	+0.18 ± 0.18	0.044	102	> 21.5	23.85 ± 0.80	2.0 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	< -3.5	95	
2006mo	+0.17 ± 0.20	-0.01 ± 0.16	+0.02 ± 0.17	+0.02 ± 0.17	0.036	1704	24.44 ± 0.49	23.21 ± 0.14	2.3 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-3.81 ^{+0.04} _{-0.27}	100	
2006nz	+0.21 ± 0.22	-0.20 ± 0.18	-0.18 ± 0.18	-0.18 ± 0.18	0.037	3007	24.41 ± 0.32	23.06 ± 0.09	2.7 ± 0.6	Pa	N	N	-3.77 ^{+0.04} _{-0.17}	100	
2006oa	-0.00 ± 0.17	+0.01 ± 0.14	+0.06 ± 0.14	+0.06 ± 0.14	0.059	3121	23.64 ± 0.19	23.63 ± 0.12	1.4 ± 0.4	SF	Y	Y	-2.50 ^{+0.05} _{-0.20}	7	

2.3. The Star-Formation Bias in the H09 Sample

In Figure 1 we show the SALT2-standardized Hubble residuals, ΔM_B^{corr} , from H09 as a function of our measurement of $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ for the 77 SNe Ia of the H09/*GALEX* sample. We find that the SNe Ia from locally passive environments are $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.094 \pm 0.037$ mag brighter. This is the difference between the means of the Hubble residuals for the two environmental subsamples, derived from a maximum likelihood calculation in which each SN has a chance $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ or $1 - \mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ of belonging to the $\text{Ia}\epsilon$ or $\text{Ia}\alpha$ population, respectively. The variances on the Hubble residuals from H09 (which includes the intrinsic dispersion they assigned) as listed in Table 2, are used in the likelihood calculation. Because the log-likelihood involves the logarithm of sums unique for each SN, it must be solved computationally. The summed probability for the number of $\text{Ia}\epsilon$ is 38, representing 48.9% of the sample.

This measurement constitutes an independent confirmation, at the 2.5σ confidence level, of the SF bias previously observed in the SNfactory dataset ($\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.094 \pm 0.031$ mag; R13). The amplitude of the bias is in remarkable agreement between the two samples. It is similar to the 0.14 ± 0.07 mag offset between E/S0 and Sc/Sd/Irr galaxies found by H09, but has a higher statistical significance.

We also tested for the presence of this bias in the H09 dataset when using the MLCS2k2 lightcurve fitter for three commonly used values of R_V , again taking Hubble residuals directly from H09. H09 found that MLCS2k2 with $R_V = 1.7$ produced the smallest dispersion, and this case gives an observed bias of $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.136 \pm 0.040$ mag. Similar results are found for $R_V = 3.1$ and $R_V = 2.5$. From this we conclude that the SF bias found in the H09 dataset is only mildly dependent on which of the two lightcurve fitters is used, differing by only $\sim 1\sigma$ after taking into account the covariance between SNe Ia in common. (See Kim et al. 2014 for additional discussion of sensitivity to host environment with different lightcurve fitters.) A deeper knowledge of what is driving the SF bias will help in understanding such variation between lightcurve fitters. Table 3 summarizes these results (also see Figure A.1), while Figure 2 shows how the results depend on various analysis choices, as detailed in Section 2.4.

Finally, for use with Equation A.14 in Appendix A of R13, which details the relation between the star formation bias and the host mass step, we report the fraction of high mass hosts, F_H , in the H09/*GALEX* sample. We find $F_H = 89\%$ for the H09 sample studied here, and expect it to be representative of most nearby samples currently in use. This compares with a high-mass fraction of only $\sim 55\%$ for the SNfactory (Childress et al. 2013b), SDSS (Gupta et al. 2011) or PTF (Pan et al. 2014) samples.

2.4. Robustness of the H09 Star-Formation Bias

In this section, we test the influence of the various criteria used in performing this portion of the analysis. These include the sample selection, the radius chosen to represent the local environment and the dust correction. The effects of changing each of these selections in turn is illustrated in the lower two panels of Figure 2, and is discussed in the following paragraphs. Two key ideas to keep in mind here are that a) while the specific values of Σ_{SFR} can change with details of the measurement technique, only SNe Ia near the Σ_{SFR} threshold can have much effect, and b) any errors made in categorizing the local environment are most likely to *decrease* the measured size of any real SF bias by mixing SNe Ia from different environments.

Sample construction: In the main analysis, we made two sample selections (see Table 1). As in R13, we removed 91T-like SNe and the SNe from highly-inclined host galaxies. Alterations in these selection criteria change the SF bias by less than 0.015 mag, as illustrated in Figure 2.

Table 2—Continued

Name	SALT	ΔM_B^{corr} (mag)	$R_V = 1.7$	$R_V = 2.5$	z	Exp. (sec)	<i>GALEX</i> data		Local <i>A</i> _{FUV} (mag)	Global Host Class	Dust Corr.	$\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ ($M_\odot/\text{kpc}^2/\text{yr}$)	$\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ (%)	Cuts Applied
2006ob	$+0.02 \pm 0.17$	-0.11 ± 0.14	-0.10 ± 0.13	0.058	0.058	3279	25.44 \pm 0.48	24.49 \pm 0.19	2.1 \pm 0.6	SF	Y	$-2.93^{+0.09}_{-0.45}$	53	
2006on	-0.02 ± 0.20	-0.03 ± 0.18	-0.09 ± 0.19	0.069	0.069	3934	> 20.8	25.36 \pm 0.32	2.0 \pm 0.6	Pa	N	< -4.7	100	
2006os	-0.11 ± 0.19	-0.11 ± 0.18	-0.36 ± 0.19	0.032	0.032	110	23.31 \pm 1.05	22.41 \pm 0.38	2.0 \pm 0.6	\sim SF	N	$-3.47^{+0.11}_{-1.09}$	99	
2006qo	-0.03 ± 0.19	-0.04 ± 0.16	-0.14 ± 0.16	0.030	0.030	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2006te	$+0.10 \pm 0.18$	$+0.11 \pm 0.15$	$+0.15 \pm 0.15$	0.032	0.032	196	21.96 \pm 0.34	20.88 \pm 0.12	2.4 \pm 0.6	SF	Y	$-1.97^{+0.08}_{-0.39}$	7	
2007F	$+0.10 \pm 0.20$	$+0.11 \pm 0.16$	$+0.16 \pm 0.16$	0.024	0.024	205	20.35 \pm 0.21	20.29 \pm 0.09	1.5 \pm 0.4	SF	Y	$-1.94^{+0.22}_{-0.48}$	2	
2007H	$+0.14 \pm 0.27$	...	...	0.044	0.044	...	no image	no image	...	\sim SF	...	...	...	UV
2007O	-0.08 ± 0.18	-0.03 ± 0.15	$+0.04 \pm 0.15$	0.036	0.036	183	20.78 \pm 0.20	20.27 \pm 0.09	2.0 \pm 0.5	SF	Y	$-1.57^{+0.06}_{-0.24}$	2	
2007R	$+0.22 \pm 0.20$	$+0.07 \pm 0.16$	$+0.12 \pm 0.16$	0.031	0.031	211	21.01 \pm 0.21	20.26 \pm 0.08	2.3 \pm 0.5	\sim SF	Y	$-1.66^{+0.07}_{-0.28}$	3	
2007ae	-0.20 ± 0.18	-0.16 ± 0.15	-0.13 ± 0.14	0.064	0.064	185	23.40 \pm 0.70	23.96 \pm 0.56	1.9 \pm 0.6	\sim SF	N	$-2.88^{+0.07}_{-0.44}$	47	
2007ai	$+0.03 \pm 0.20$	$+0.11 \pm 0.18$	$+0.10 \pm 0.19$	0.032	0.032	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2007ar	...	-0.53 ± 0.18	...	0.053	0.053	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2007ba	...	-0.52 ± 0.15	-0.46 ± 0.15	0.039	0.039	2857	23.70 \pm 0.23	23.39 \pm 0.12	1.8 \pm 0.5	Pa	N	$-3.64^{+0.03}_{-0.11}$	100	
2007bd	-0.09 ± 0.19	-0.16 ± 0.17	-0.09 ± 0.16	0.032	0.032	109	21.37 \pm 0.35	21.09 \pm 0.17	1.8 \pm 0.5	\sim SF	Y	$-1.95^{+0.07}_{-0.31}$	5	
2007eg	-0.18 ± 0.21	-0.30 ± 0.20	...	0.034	0.034	111	21.76 \pm 0.43	21.31 \pm 0.19	2.0 \pm 0.6	\sim SF	Y	$-2.01^{+0.09}_{-0.37}$	8	
2007co	-0.03 ± 0.19	-0.08 ± 0.16	-0.11 ± 0.16	0.027	0.027	...	no image	no image	...	SF	...	...	...	UV
2007cq	-0.25 ± 0.20	-0.25 ± 0.17	-0.20 ± 0.18	0.025	0.025	435	21.51 \pm 0.19	21.05 \pm 0.09	1.9 \pm 0.4	\sim Pa	Y	$-2.22^{+0.06}_{-0.23}$	4	
2008af	-0.12 ± 0.19	-0.03 ± 0.17	$+0.03 \pm 0.17$	0.034	0.034	73	25.69 \pm 5.21	26.38 \pm 7.58	2.0 \pm 0.6	Pa	N	$-4.37^{+0.57}_{-\infty}$	100	
2008bf	-0.35 ± 0.20	-0.25 ± 0.16	-0.20 ± 0.16	0.026	0.026	104	> 22.4	23.53 \pm 0.80	2.0 \pm 0.6	Pa	N	< -4.3	100	

Note. — The asymmetric errors on $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ indicate the 16% and 64% boundaries of the Σ_{SFR} cumulative probability distribution functions; a lower boundary of zero is indicated by $-\infty$ when in log space. For cases with no *GALEX* FUV counts we only indicate the upper boundary. The uncertainties on the FUV and NUV magnitudes have been symmetrized for readability but are not directly used. The Cuts Applied column indicates reasons why a SN Ia was removed from the main analysis; UV stands for no *GALEX* data, Incl. for inclined host and 91T for 91T-like SN (see Appendix B). The Global Host Type column gives the global star formation classification, as defined in Section 2.2.2. The Local *A*_{FUV} column lists the FUV extinction, regardless of whether it is applied (as indicated by the Local Dust Corr column). The Exp. column indicates the *GALEX* exposure time in seconds.

^aSee Appendix C.1

^bSee Appendix C.2

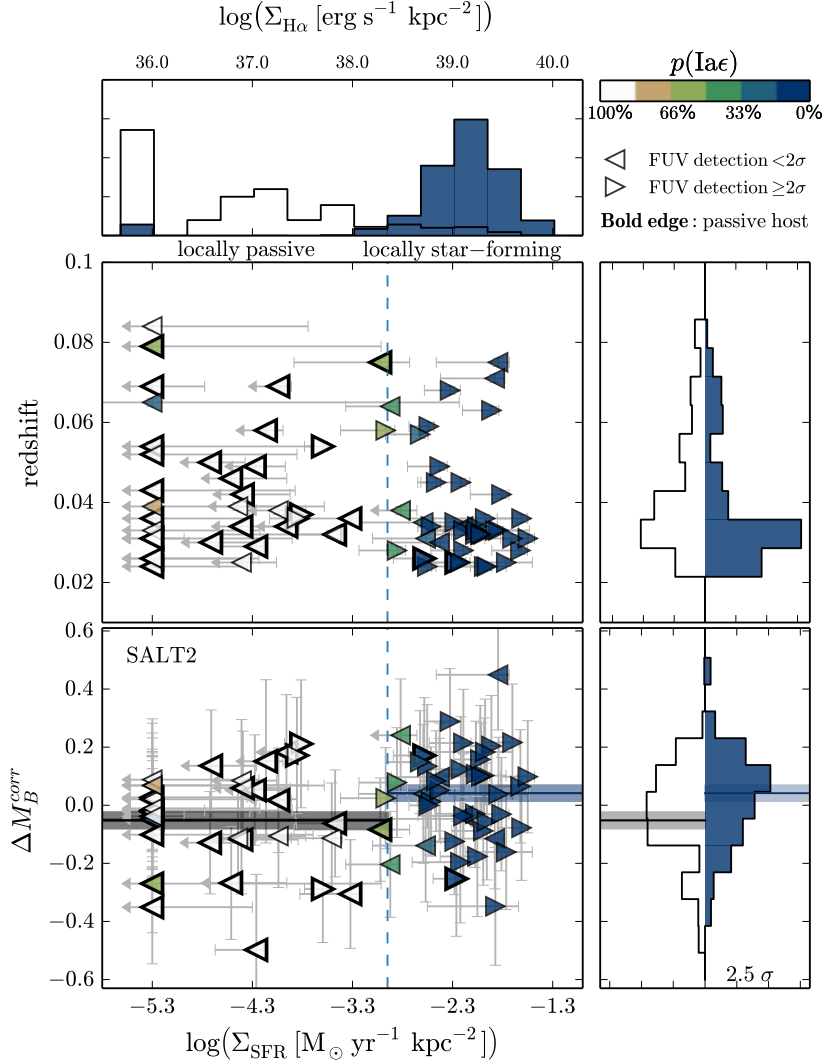


Fig. 1.— SN Ia redshifts and SALT2 standardized Hubble residuals (ΔM_B^{corr}) as a function of $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$. Cases where no counts were found in the *GALEX* FUV image are arbitrarily set to $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) = -5.3$ dex. Upper panel: the $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ distributions for the environmental subgroups. Each SN contributes to the amplitude of the open histogram according to its value of $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$, and the filled, green histogram according to its value of $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\alpha)$. Main panels: Marker colors encode the value of $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ for each SN. Those identified as having a globally passive host (Pa and \sim Pa, as defined in Section 2.2.2), are highlighted with thick black marker contours (see the legend for details). The vertical dashed blue line shows our $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) = -2.9$ dex star-formation surface-density threshold. Right panels, from top to bottom: Marginal distributions of redshift and ΔM_B^{corr} for each subgroup. These bi-histograms follow the same color code and construction method as the Σ_{SFR} histograms. The weighted mean of the ΔM_B^{corr} values of each H09 subsample is drawn over its respective marginal distribution in the lower panels. The transparent bands show the $\pm 1\sigma$ uncertainty on these means. Compare to Figure 6 of R13, and see Figure A.1 for the MLCS2k2 results.

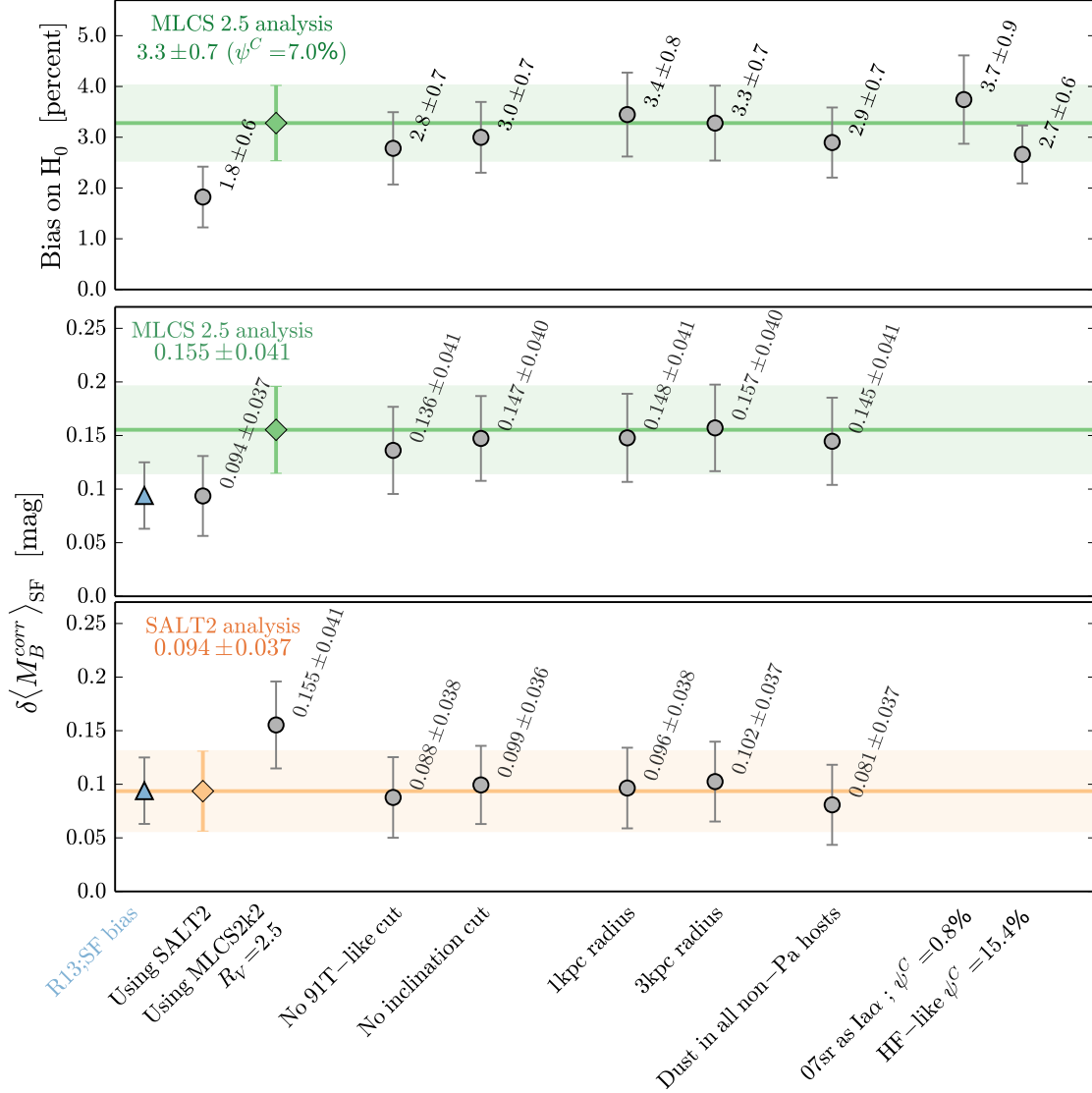


Fig. 2.— Summary of the influence of the analysis choices made in the paper. The main analysis results are indicated in the upper left of their corresponding panels and drawn as horizontal lines. The shaded bands indicate the corresponding $\pm 1\sigma$ errors. Lower and Middle panels: The SF bias as presented in Section 2, measured using Hubble residuals from H09 based on SALT2 (lower) and MLCS2k2 (middle) lightcurve parameters. Upper panel: The H_0 bias, as presented in Section 3, using Hubble residuals based on MLCS2k2 lightcurve parameters, as in SH0ES11. The main H_0 bias uses $\psi^C = 7.0\%$, but we also present two variants. We consider the case when SN 2007sr is assumed to be a Ia α , in which case $\psi^C = 0.8\%$, as well as the case where the Cepheid hosts are measured with angular resolution and signal-to-noise typical of the Hubble-flow sample, in which case $\psi^C = 15.4\%$. The summary results are reported in Table 5.

Local environment measurement radius: In Section 2.2.4 we presented the rationale for our use of a 2 kpc radius aperture to define the “local” SN environments. We have tested the impact of using either a smaller (1 kpc) or larger (3 kpc) aperture, and find changes of less than 0.01 mag, regardless of which light-curve fitter Hubble residuals are used.

Dust correction: In our main analysis, when the global sSFR was not at least one standard deviation from the threshold set at -10.5 dex, an extinction correction was applied only if the FUV signal was detected at more than 2σ in a host galaxy compatible with being star forming (Section 2.2.2). Here we test the extreme case of applying dust extinction corrections to the local environment whenever the host galaxy is not globally passive. This tests the possibility that strong extinction is responsibly for pushing the observed FUV signal below the 2σ detection threshold. This test essentially consists of assigning the typical $A_{FUV} = 2.0 \pm 0.6$ mag found by Salim et al. (2005, 2007) to the SNe Ia from globally star-forming hosts that were not corrected for extinction in the main analysis. This change to the analysis reduces the amplitude of the SF bias by only ~ 0.010 – 0.013 mag, as shown in Figure 2.

GALEX sensitivity: We have considered whether the limited sensitivity of some *GALEX* exposures might affect our results. Fortunately, almost half of the hosts considered have exposures several times longer than those of the main *GALEX* AIS survey (see Table 2). We find no direct correspondence between SF sensitivity and redshift or classification probability in the current dataset.

In summary, the measurement of the H09 SF bias is robust at the ~ 0.015 mag level against variations in the analysis.

2.5. Hubble Residual Bimodality

R13 suggested the presence of a bimodal structure in the ΔM_B^{corr} distribution of the SNfactory dataset (see the lower-right histogram in Figure 1 of R13). The brighter mode consisted entirely of SNe Ia from locally passive environments, Ia ϵ , while the fainter mode consisted of SNe Ia from a mix of Ia α and Ia ϵ environment. While the fainter mode extended over the full range of host galaxy masses, the brighter mode was concentrated in the high-mass half of the distribution.

As in R13 we find that the SNe Ia having locally star-forming environments have a $\sim 30\%$ tighter dispersion than the overall sample. After removing the random noise expected due to small-scale galaxy peculiar velocities, we find that the Ia α population has a weighted RMS of only 0.127 ± 0.019 mag when

Table 3. The SF bias and Environmental variations in the H09/*GALEX* sample.

Light-curve fitter	STAR-FORMATION BIAS			SN HUBBLE RESIDUAL DISPERSION ^a		
	Fraction of SNe Ia ϵ (ψ)	$\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}}$ (mag)	Bias Significance	SNe Ia (mag)	SNe Ia α (mag)	SNe Ia ϵ (mag)
SALT2	48.9%	0.094 ± 0.037	2.5σ	0.147 ± 0.019	0.144 ± 0.024	0.144 ± 0.026
MLCS2k2 $R_V = 1.7$	52.2%	0.136 ± 0.040	3.4σ	0.165 ± 0.011	0.127 ± 0.019	0.180 ± 0.014
MLCS2k2 $R_V = 2.5$	52.1%	0.155 ± 0.041	3.8σ	0.166 ± 0.012	0.122 ± 0.020	0.181 ± 0.015
MLCS2k2 $R_V = 3.1$	52.4%	0.171 ± 0.040	4.2σ	0.183 ± 0.011	0.137 ± 0.018	0.202 ± 0.013

^a Weighted RMS with noise due to small-scale galaxy peculiar velocities (300 km s^{-1}) removed.

using MLCS2k2 Hubble residuals. See Table 3 for a summary of the weighted RMS for each environmental subpopulation.

We have fit the R13 bimodal model, without any adjustment, to the environmentally categorized Hubble residuals of our H09 subset. Here we find that the R13 model is a better fit than a single Gaussian whose dispersion is allowed to float. Specifically, we measure differences of -4.6 and -0.9 in favor of the bimodal model for the Akaike information criterion corrected for finite sample size (AICc) when using MLCS2k2 and SALT2 Hubble residuals, respectively. The result using MLCS2k2 strongly favors the R13 bimodal model, but the evidence for bimodality using the H09 SALT2 Hubble residuals is weaker than found in R13. The mixed evidence for bimodality here is not surprising given the generally larger measurement uncertainties reported by H09.

2.6. Combined Star Formation Bias

The SF bias measured for the H09 sample is in remarkable agreement with the value determined in R13 using the SNfactory sample, both based on SALT2 Hubble residuals. Under the assumption that the SF bias is a universal quantity, we can combine these measurements (first averaging the six SNe Ia in common). Doing so, we find a common SF bias of $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.094 \pm 0.025$ mag, which constitutes a 3.8σ measurement of this environmental bias. Alternatively, this becomes 0.110 ± 0.024 mag when combining the R13 results with the MLCS2k2 Hubble residuals from the H09/*GALEX* dataset.

3. Consequence of the Star-Formation Bias on the Measurement of H_0

In this second half of the paper, we turn to the question of whether the confirmed SF bias affects the current measurements of H_0 . Currently, the most accurate method to directly measure H_0 is to use SNe Ia in the Hubble flow (HF) to estimate $H_0^2 \langle L_{\text{SN}} \rangle$, and then calibrate the average standardized SN Ia luminosity, $\langle L_{\text{SN}} \rangle$, using SNe Ia with accurate and independent distance measurements. The period—luminosity relation of a large number of Cepheid variable stars within a modest number of nearby SN Ia host galaxies has been used to provide a calibration of $\langle L_{\text{SN}} \rangle$ (Riess et al. 2011; Freedman et al. 2012). Underlying this approach is the assumption that $\langle L_{\text{SN}} \rangle$ is the same in both the Cepheid-calibrated and the Hubble-flow samples.

However, the Cepheid-calibrated sample targets globally young environments since Cepheids are very young stars, with ages less than 100 Myr. Indeed, the main sequence counterparts of classical Cepheids are B-type stars like those contributing to the FUV flux we use here as a star formation indicator (for a review see Turner 1996). Thus, the fraction of SNe Ia in star-forming environments ($\text{Ia}\alpha$) is likely to be higher for the Cepheid sample than for the Hubble flow sample. The average SN Ia standardized luminosity will then differ between the two samples due to the SF bias demonstrated in Section 2.3; this, in turn, biases the measurement of H_0 . In the following sections, we estimate the amplitude of this bias on the Hubble constant.

The correction to H_0 , resulting in an unbiased measurement, H_0^{corr} , can be written quite generally as:

$$\log(H_0^{\text{corr}}) = \log(H_0) - \underbrace{\frac{1}{5}(\psi^{\text{HF}} - \psi^{\text{C}}) \times \delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}}}_{\text{SF bias correction}}. \quad (2)$$

Here ψ^{C} and ψ^{HF} respectively denote the fraction of SNe Ia in the *specific* Cepheid-calibrated and Hubble-

flow samples being compared which have locally passive (Ia ϵ) environments. The two terms on the right-hand side work together; even if there is a SF bias, it only biases H_0 if ψ^C and ψ^{HF} are not equal. The appropriate values of ψ are calculated by taking the average of the $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ probabilities for the corresponding datasets. Conceptually, the net effect of Eq. 2 is to form the weighted average of two Hubble diagrams — one for SNe Ia α and one for SNe Ia ϵ .

Assuming that the SF bias, $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}}$, is a universal quantity, it may be determined from the specific sample under study, or by including external measurements. Note that the value of ψ for any external sample used solely to measure $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}}$ is immaterial in this context. At most it affects the sensitivity of the $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}}$ measurement from the external sample; it does not enter into ψ^{HF} . Conversely, if there are SNe Ia used to calculate both the original H_0 measurement and $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}}$, as is the case here, there will be positively correlated errors between these two quantities.

Having established the value of $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}}$ in Section 2.3, we now evaluate the other inputs to Eq. 2, the fraction of SNe Ia with locally passive environments in the Hubble flow and Cepheid-calibrated SN Ia host galaxies. Because the main analysis in SH0ES11 used MLCS2k2 $R_V = 2.5$ Hubble residuals, we do so here.

3.1. The Fraction of Ia ϵ Among the SH0ES11 Cepheid Galaxies

We first examine the eight SNe Ia hosts whose distances were measured using the Cepheid period–luminosity relation by SH0ES11. We measure their $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ in the same manner as for the H09 sample, as described in Section 2.1. The results are summarized in Table 4. The top half of the table summarizes the galaxies used by SH0ES11 to measure H_0 , while the bottom half presents our measurements for additional SN Ia host galaxies whose Cepheid-based distances are anticipated. The local environments for seven of the eight are covered by both *GALEX* FUV and NUV observations, while SN 1998eq lacks FUV coverage.

Although SN 1998aq does not have FUV imaging, it does have a strong NUV signal. We can use the NUV signal along with very conservative assumptions to categorize the local environment of SN 1998eq as star forming. Specifically, even assuming an extreme UV color of $\text{FUV} - \text{NUV} = 1$ (see Figure 13 of Salim et al. 2007) and no dust extinction still requires a minimum value for the local star formation density of $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) > -2.46$ dex.

SN 2007sr is an exceptional case, as it is located in the well-known tidal tail of the merging galaxies NGC 4038/39 (the Antennae). Tidal environments are known as sites of strong star formation (e.g. Neff et al. 2005; Smith et al. 2010; Kaviraj et al. 2012). The Antennae tidal tail is indeed quite blue (Hibbard et al. 2005), and contains star clusters with mean ages of 10–100 Myr (Whitmore et al. 1999; Fall et al. 2005). Therefore, one might presume that SN 2007sr should be classified as a Ia α . However, SN 2007sr actually lies at a projected separation of 2 kpc from the spine of the tidal tail, and Hibbard et al. (2005) estimate an age around 400 Myr along the portion of the tail projected closest to SN 2007sr. (Note that the Hibbard et al. (2005) age determinations did not include correction for possible dust extinction, and so may be too large.) An age of 400 Myr is older than the estimated dynamical time for the tidal tail, and would therefore suggest that stars near the location of SN 2007sr were originally formed in the disk of their parent galaxy. Tidal forces will act in a similar manner on the volume of stars originally local to the SN 2007sr progenitor, but it is likely that the stars are now more spread out due to dynamical evolution, having moved SN 2007sr off the spine of the tail and lowering the stellar surface density, and thus the measured Σ_{SFR} , compared to the original environment.

When faced with such ambiguity for the Hubble-flow sample, as with highly-inclined host galaxies, the simplest avenue was to cut them from the sample. Doing that in this case would result in a value $\psi^C \sim 0$, along with a slight increase in the uncertainty on H_0 due to the smaller number of calibrators, since all the remaining environments for the Cepheid-calibrated SNe Ia are star-forming. Given the possibility that SN 2007sr may be slightly too old to be counted as Ia α , this choice could slightly overestimate the final correction to H_0 that is needed. To better reflect the ambiguity for this calibrator, we will take a neutral value of $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon) = 0.5$ for our main analysis. We note that SN 2005cf, listed in Table 4 as a likely future calibrator, is also located in a tidal tail. Thus, the question of the proper categorization of tidal tails will resurface when it is time to incorporate SN 2005cf into the measurement of H_0 .

Combining the eight individual $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$, we find $\psi^C = 7.0\%$ as the fraction of SNe Ia ϵ in the Cepheid-calibrated SNe Ia used for the SH0ES11 measurement of the local Hubble constant. As anticipated, the local environments of this sample is predominately star forming.

3.2. The Fraction of Ia ϵ in our H09/*GALEX* Hubble-Flow Sample

If we had estimates of $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ for all 140 nearby Hubble-flow SNe Ia used by SH0ES11 we could calculate and apply the resulting ψ^{HF} directly in Eq. 2. However, ~ 30 of the Hubble-flow SNe Ia used by SH0ES11 are not contained in H09, and in addition, we do not have $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ estimates for another 30 due to insufficient *GALEX* coverage or selection cuts (see Table 1). Thus, unlike the above estimate of ψ^C , our estimate of ψ^{HF} will need to be statistical.

The fact that we still have $\sim 60\%$ of the SNe Ia in common will reduce the uncertainty substantially since we incur a statistical error (beyond that already incorporated in the $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ values for individual SNe) only for the $\sim 40\%$ that remain unmeasured. We have shown in Section 2.1 that the H09/*GALEX* dataset is statistically representative of the entire H09 sample, and we expect that to be true for the ~ 30 SH0ES11 Hubble-flow SNe Ia not in H09.

For the H09/*GALEX* subset having MLCS2K2 measurements we find $\psi^{HF} = 52.1\%$. For those with SALT2 measurements $\psi^{HF} = 48.9\%$. This is in agreement with the value $\psi^{HF} = 50.0 \pm 5.3\%$ in R13. More comparable is the subset of high-mass hosts in R13, for which the value is slightly higher, $\psi^{HF} = 63.4 \pm 7.5\%$. This may reflect differences between the untargeted SNfactory search that provided most SNe Ia in R13 and galaxy-magnitude-limited searches that provided most of the SNe Ia in H09. It also could be due to a greater chance of false-positive associations due to the $4\times$ greater area covered by the larger aperture used here. Applying $\psi^{HF} = 52.1\%$ as a statistical estimator to the 59 SH0ES11 SNe Ia environments we were unable to measure, and combining with those we have measured, gives $\psi^{HF} = 52.1 \pm 2.3\%$. The variations due to the alternatives explored in Section 2.4 are within the final statistical uncertainty on ψ^{HF} for the SH0ES11 Hubble-flow sample, and are reflected in the calculations of the variations shown in Figure 2.

3.3. Hubble Constant Corrected for the Star-Formation Bias

As a result of the high fraction of local star-forming environments for the SNe Ia in the SH0ES11 sample, they do not provide a calibration that is representative of the H09 nearby Hubble-flow sample. In Section 3.4 we will present further insights into, and explore the robustness of this measured difference in the values of ψ^{HR} and ψ^C .

Table 4. Local UV Environments of the Cepheid–SNe Ia sample.

Name	FUV (mag)	NUV (mag)	A_{FUV} (mag)	Host Type	Dust Corr.	$\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$ ($M_{\odot}/\text{kpc}^2/\text{yr}$)	$\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ (percent)
SN1981B	17.34 ± 0.02	16.91 ± 0.01	1.7 ± 0.1	SF	Y	-2.34 ± 0.02	0
SN1990N	18.76 ± 0.10	18.46 ± 0.04	1.5 ± 0.3	SF	Y	-2.67 ± 0.13	9
SN1994ae	18.33 ± 0.08	17.77 ± 0.04	2.1 ± 0.3	SF	Y	-2.09 ± 0.11	0
SN1995al	16.49 ± 0.03	15.87 ± 0.01	2.3 ± 0.1	SF	Y	-1.44 ± 0.03	0
SN1998aq	no image	16.29 ± 0.00	...	SF	...	$> -2.4^{\text{a}}$	0
SN2002fk	16.46 ± 0.01	15.87 ± 0.00	2.2 ± 0.0	SF	Y	-1.09 ± 0.01	0
SN2007af	17.67 ± 0.02	17.27 ± 0.01	1.6 ± 0.1	SF	Y	-2.18 ± 0.03	0
SN2007sr ^b	22.08 ± 0.57	20.65 ± 0.13	2.3 ± 0.6	SF	Y	-3.68 ± 0.33	50 ^c
SN2001el	16.85 ± 0.03	16.41 ± 0.01	1.7 ± 0.1	SF	Y	-1.98 ± 0.04	0
SN2003du	18.66 ± 0.10	18.44 ± 0.04	1.3 ± 0.3	SF	Y	-2.29 ± 0.11	0
SN2005cf ^b	22.29 ± 0.25	21.16 ± 0.06	2.8 ± 0.5	SF	Y	-3.34 ± 0.23	100
SN2011fe	14.95 ± 0.01	14.62 ± 0.01	1.3 ± 0.1	SF	Y	-2.26 ± 0.02	0
SN2012cg	16.67 ± 0.01	15.91 ± 0.00	2.7 ± 0.0	SF	Y	-1.62 ± 0.01	0
SN2012fr	17.54 ± 0.01	17.02 ± 0.00	2.0 ± 0.0	SF	Y	-2.15 ± 0.02	0
SN2012ht	20.42 ± 0.04	19.68 ± 0.01	2.7 ± 0.1	SF	Y	-2.20 ± 0.05	0
SN2013dy	15.64 ± 0.00	15.31 ± 0.00	1.4 ± 0.0	SF	Y	-1.87 ± 0.00	0

^a Based on NUV magnitude, assuming $FUV - NUV = 1$ and $A_{FUV} = 0$.

^b Tails of interacting galaxies, $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ could be problematic.

^c Revised, see Section 3.1.

Table 5. Effect of SN Ia environmental bias on H_0 .

Component	SALT2		MLCS2k2	
		$R_V = 1.7$	$R_V = 2.5$	$R_V = 3.1$
Host-mass correction ^a			+0.75%	
SF bias correction	$-1.8 \pm 0.6\%$	$-2.9 \pm 0.7\%$	$-3.3 \pm 0.7\%$	$-3.6 \pm 0.7\%$
Net bias	$-1.1 \pm 0.6\%$	$-2.1 \pm 0.7\%$	$-2.6 \pm 0.7\%$	$-2.9 \pm 0.7\%$

^a Removal of the host-mass corrections applied by SH0ES11 (see their Section 3.1) since the SF bias already accounts for the host-mass bias. We assume that the bias used for MLCS2K2 was also used for the SALT analysis.

Using Eq. 2 with values $\psi^{HF} = 52.1 \pm 2.3\%$, $\psi^C = 7.0\%$, and $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.155 \pm 0.041$ mag we estimate that the Hubble constant is currently overestimated by $3.3 \pm 0.7\%$ due to the SF bias. As will be discussed in Section 3.5, a small fraction of this bias most likely has been taken into account already because SH0ES11 applied a 0.75% correction to account for potential host-mass dependency in the SN standardized magnitudes. Since the correction for the star-formation bias also corrects for the host-mass effect (see Section 3.5), we estimate an effective correction to H_0 of $-2.6 \pm 0.7\%$ (see Table 5).

There have been several updates to the basic ingredients since the SH0ES11 analysis. Humphreys et al. (2013) reported an improved value for the distance to the NGC 4258 megamaser that served as one of the zero-points for the Cepheid distance scale (along with the LMC distance and parallaxes for Milky Way Cepheids). Efstathiou (2014) re-examined the selection of Cepheids and the resulting calibration of the Cepheid period–luminosity relation for the SN host galaxies, slightly modifying those distances. Since it is the most recent, and includes the revised distance to NGC 4258, we will use the Efstathiou (2014) analysis as our baseline in quantifying how the SF bias affects the apparent tension between direct and indirect measurements of H_0 . Note that correction for the SF bias involves a change to the luminosities assigned to SNe Ia in the Hubble flow relative to those in the Cepheid sample; we make no adjustments to the distances assigned to the Cepheid-calibrated SN Ia host galaxies.

By applying Eq. 2, we calculate a value of the Hubble constant corrected for the SF bias of $H_0^{\text{corr}} = 70.6 \pm 2.6$ km s^{−1} Mpc^{−1} when using the LMC distance, Milky Way parallaxes and the NGC 4258 megamaser as the Cepheid zeropoint as in SH0ES11 and Efstathiou (2014). If the NGC 4258 megamaser is used as the sole zeropoint of the Cepheid distances and the new Humphreys et al. (2013) distance is used with the Efstathiou (2014) analysis, the revised H_0 is lower, but less certain, at 68.8 ± 3.3 km s^{−1} Mpc^{−1}. Table 6 summarizes the SF-bias corrections for both the SH0ES11 and Efstathiou (2014) estimations of H_0 , when using either the megamaser or the three Cepheid anchor(s). Details of the contributions to each correction are given, along with the new level of agreement with several recent indirect CMB-based measurements of H_0 . We emphasize that the SH0ES11 analysis and our corrections both use MLCS2k2 with $R_V = 2.5$, and thus are fully consistent with regard to choice of lightcurve fitter. Our revised H_0 is now compatible at the 1σ level with these indirect measurement of the Hubble constant for a flat Λ CDM cosmology.

We note that this estimate can be improved in the future by the various teams who employ SNe Ia to measure H_0 , by improved matching of the local SN environments between the calibrator and Hubble-flow samples.

3.4. Robustness of the H_0 Correction

The robustness of our correction to H_0 depends on the robustness of the inputs to Eq. 2. In Section 2.4 we have already explored the robustness of the star-formation bias to changes in our sample selection and measurement procedures. The other key ingredient for the bias on H_0 is the difference in the values of ψ^{HF} and ψ^C . In the upper panel of Figure 2, we show how these analysis parameters affect the measurement of the H_0 bias (see Section 2.4). None have a significant impact.

SN 2007sr classification: To further explore the difference between ψ^{HF} and ψ^C we consider the case where SN 2007sr is Ia α . This increases the SF bias on H_0 by 0.4%; hence if one considers this a false-negative due to tidal dilution of the local star-formation surface density, then an extra -0.3 km s^{−1} Mpc^{−1} should be applied to the aforementioned revised H_0 values. The signs of these changes reverse if SN 2007sr is instead considered Ia ϵ . These changes are within our quoted uncertainty.

Table 6. Direct measurement of the Hubble constant (in $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$). Top: Using Cepheid distances calibrated to the megamaser NGC 4258, Milky Way parallaxes, and LMC distance. Bottom: Using Cepheid distances calibrated solely with the distance to the NGC 4258 megamaser.

	Riess et al. 2011	Efstathiou 2014
ANCHORS: NGC4258, MILKY WAY PARALLAXES, AND LMC DISTANCE		
Starting H_0	$72.7 \pm 2.4^{\text{a}}$	72.5 ± 2.5
No mass bias correction	+0.5	+0.5
SF bias correction ^c	-2.4 ± 0.5	-2.4 ± 0.5
Revised H_0	70.8 ± 2.5	70.6 ± 2.6
New CMB tension ^d	$1.3\sigma / 0.6\sigma / 1.1\sigma$	$1.2\sigma / 0.5\sigma / 1.0\sigma$
ANCHOR: NGC4258		
Starting H_0	$72.0 \pm 3.0^{\text{b}}$	70.6 ± 3.3
No mass bias correction	+0.5	+0.5
SF bias correction ^c	-2.4 ± 0.5	-2.3 ± 0.5
Revised H_0	70.2 ± 3.0	68.8 ± 3.3
New CMB tension ^d	$0.9\sigma / 0.3\sigma / 0.7\sigma$	$0.5\sigma / 0.2\sigma / 0.2\sigma$

^a After including the recalibration of NGC 4258 ($-1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$; Humphreys et al. 2013) and using the prescription given in Section 3.1 of SH0ES11.

^b From Humphreys et al. (2013).

^c Add an extra $-0.3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ if SN2007sr is considered to be Ia α .

^d Tensions with Planck ($67.3 \pm 1.2 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$; Planck Collaboration et al. 2014), WMAP 9-year ($69.32 \pm 0.80 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$; Bennett et al. 2013; Hinshaw et al. 2013), and revised Planck ($68.0 \pm 1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$; Spergel et al. 2013), respectively.

Simulation of distance effects: We next considered possible effects due to the redshift difference between the two samples by simulating what value of ψ^C would have resulted if the Cepheid-calibrated hosts had been observed with the same distances and exposures as the H09 Hubble-flow sample. For each of the six Ia α Cepheid-calibrated hosts having direct FUV detections, the star-formation surface densities were measured using the full set of procedures described in Section 2 after degrading the spatial resolution and increasing the noise to match each of the Hubble-flow galaxies. The net effect, averaged over all pairings, was to increase ψ^C to 15.4%. This was primarily due to changes in $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ for the host of SN 1990N when simulated at higher redshift or with shorter *GALEX* exposure. The resulting change in the H_0 bias is once again well within the quoted uncertainties. This is due in part to the fact that we are already accounting for noise by using the full $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon)$ probability distribution functions.

Chance of low ψ^C : One might expect the Cepheid-calibrated sample to reflect the Ia ϵ fraction of 24.9% found for globally star-forming galaxies (as defined in Section 2.2.2) in the Hubble-flow sample. In fact the Ia ϵ fractions are consistent; application of Fisher’s Exact Test⁵, applicable to two sets of categorical data, as here, gives a 18% chance of finding no locally passive environments for the SH0ES11 sample.

Good consistency is also found when comparing based solely on morphology. The SNe Ia hosts with Cepheid calibration have Hubble types Sb—Sm. In our Hubble-flow sample we find that for SN host galaxies of these types the passive fraction is $\sim 26\%$. Application of Fisher’s Exact Test for this case shows that the passive fraction in the Hubble-flow and current Cepheid-calibrated samples have a 17% probability of being the same. Even including the low locally-passive fraction for the Cepheid-calibrated SNe expected to be used in the future (see Table 4), the probability of a common locally-passive fraction is 14%.

Consistent, low ΔM_B^{corr} dispersions: One final indicator that the SNe Ia in Cepheid hosts are of class Ia α is that they share the small dispersion that R13 found for this subclass. Using Table 3 of SH0ES11 we calculated an unbiased weighted dispersion in Cepheid-calibrated standardized SN Ia absolute magnitudes of only 0.123 ± 0.034 mag. After removing the dispersion due to Cepheid distance measurement errors, the SN Ia dispersion drops to only 0.101 mag. This agrees well with the dispersion of 0.099 ± 0.009 mag found by R13 for their SNe Ia associated with star-forming environments, and with the 0.122 ± 0.020 mag dispersion of the Ia α in the H09 Hubble-flow sample (see Table 3). The small dispersion of the Cepheid-calibrated SNe Ia and its similarity to the dispersion of the R13 and H09 Ia α subsets could be a coincidence, but as the overall sample dispersion is much larger, 0.166 ± 0.012 mag, the likelihood ratio strongly favors our result that these SNe Ia truly belong to the Ia α category.

3.5. Connection to the Host Mass Step Bias Correction

SH0ES11 argued that the step in Hubble residuals occurring around a host mass of $10^{10} M_\odot$ has a small impact on their estimation of H_0 since the host masses for the Cepheid-calibrated SNe Ia are similar to those of the Hubble-flow SNe Ia from H09. Using a linear correction of Hubble residual versus host mass based on external information, the SH0ES11 estimate for H_0 is reduced by only 0.75% (see their Section 3).

Here we have shown that even for a sample such as that of H09 where almost all hosts are on the high-mass side of the mass step, there is a bias that is just as large as past studies have found for the size of the host-mass correction over the full mass range of SN Ia host galaxies (e.g., Childress et al. 2013a). These

⁵http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisher's_exact_test

results and those of R13 indicate that star formation is a more important driver than host mass, and that in fact, the host-mass step may simply be a projection of the star formation bias in combination with the rapid change in the fraction of star-forming galaxies as a function of mass as in Figure 11 of Childress et al. (2013a).

If the SF bias is indeed the more deep-rooted cause of the mass step, then correcting for the SF bias naturally corrects for the host-mass dependency (see also Appendix A of R13). The H09 sample was used by Kelly et al. (2010) to originally discover the SN Ia host mass bias; for our subset — having significant overlap with that of Kelly et al. (2010) — we find that the mass step calculated at their division point of $10^{10.8} M_{\odot}$ drops from 0.100 ± 0.040 mag before correction for the SF bias to 0.026 ± 0.039 mag afterward. This demonstrates that the SF bias does in fact remove the mass step. Consequently, for our analysis to be self-consistent we remove the 0.75% offset to H_0 applied by SH0ES11, where the intent was to account for the host-mass effect, since our SF bias correction has removed it from the data.

4. Conclusion

We have used the nearby SNe Ia from the independent Constitution dataset compiled by H09 to confirm the local environment bias in SNe Ia standardized magnitudes first seen by R13 in the Nearby Supernova Factory SN Ia sample. Using Hubble residuals as presented by H09 along with our *GALEX*-based measurements of the local star formation, we confirm this bias for standardization using either SALT2 or MLCS2k2 lightcurve parameters with $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.094 \pm 0.037$ mag and $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.155 \pm 0.041$ mag, respectively. Whereas R13 used $H\alpha$ as star formation indicator, here we use the FUV flux as measured by *GALEX*. Together these results demonstrate that the effect is not particular to the sample, lightcurve standardization, or type of star formation indicator that is used.

Combining our new SALT2 bias measurement with that from R13 we find that SNe Ia from locally star-forming environments are $\delta\langle M_B^{\text{corr}} \rangle_{\text{SF}} = 0.094 \pm 0.025$ mag fainter after standardization than those from locally passive environments. This constitutes a 3.8σ measurement of this environmental bias. We also measure that in nearby SN Ia samples dominated by high-mass host galaxies, such as that drawn from Constitution, typically $\sim 50\%$ of the SNe Ia arise in locally passive environments.

This star formation bias has a direct consequence on the precision measurement of H_0 , as exemplified by the SH0ES11 program. We find the local environments of SNe Ia whose absolute magnitudes were calibrated by SH0ES11 using the Cepheid period–luminosity relation are overwhelmingly star-forming. This in itself is not surprising because Cepheids are young stars. However, in the presence of a star formation bias, it means that the standardized magnitudes of these SNe Ia will be dimmer on average than those of the Hubble-flow comparison sample. By applying our measurements of the amplitude of the star formation bias along with the relative fractions of SNe Ia in star-forming or passive local environments for each of the Cepheid-calibrated and Hubble-flow samples, we find that a $3.3 \pm 0.7\%$ correction ($-2.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$) to the SH0ES11 measurement of H_0 is required. The final corrected value, including the revised NGC 4258 megamaser distance (Humphreys et al. 2013), the refined Cepheid analysis of Efstathiou (2014), and backing out the small host-mass correction implemented in SH0ES11, becomes $H_0 = 70.6 \pm 2.6 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ when starting from the main SH0ES11 analysis using MLCS2k2 SN lightcurve parameters. This corrected value for the Hubble constant is within 1σ of the current CMB indirect estimations of the Hubble constant from Planck (Planck Collaboration et al. 2014; Spergel et al. 2013) and WMAP (Bennett et al. 2013; Hinshaw et al. 2013). We note that while our corrected value for H_0 lies within the uncertainties quoted by SH0ES11, it

is a $\sim 5\times$ larger correction than their quoted uncertainty on the zeropoint from SNe Ia in the Hubble flow.

Looking forward to future studies to measure H_0 , we present star-formation measurements for additional nearby SNe Ia whose distances may soon be calibrated using the Cepheid period–luminosity relation. These are also locally star forming, and so the star formation bias will need to be taken into account in future analyses. Further, we note that similar caution is necessary when using Type Ia SNe with other distance indicators, such as the Tully-Fisher relation, surface brightness fluctuations and tip of the red giant branch, which target galaxies where star formation is unusually high or low.

We also note the discovery of new star formation at SN Ia sites in several morphological E/S0 galaxies; such cases may lead to a better understanding of the connection between different star formation histories and the properties of SNe Ia.

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A. Illustration of MLCS2k2-based Hubble Residuals

The characteristics of the $Ia\alpha$ and $Ia\epsilon$ SN Ia subsets shown in Figure 1 used Hubble residuals derived using lightcurve fit parameters determined using SALT2. In Figure A.1 we present the analogous results using Hubble residuals based on MLCS2k2 lightcurve fit parameters.

B. R13 Sample Cuts

B.1. Potential Super-Chandrasekhar SNe

In Scalzo et al. (2012), we suggested that 91T-like SNe Ia are good candidates for having masses above the Chandrasekhar limit, and demonstrated that some indeed do. Because of the possibility that these might result from a different progenitor channel, they were not considered in R13. Scalzo et al. (2012) determined the rate of pure 91T-like SNe Ia — excluding those similar to the less extreme 99aa-like subclass — to be $2.6^{+1.9}_{-0.7}\%$ of a total SN rate for a volume-limited sample. Thus, we expect 91T-like SNe Ia to be a minor component of the H09 sample. Blondin et al. (2012) have spectroscopically classified most SNe Ia in the H09 sample, however, they did not distinguish between 91T-like and 99aa-like events. Silverman et al. (2012) present spectroscopic classifications for a large sample of nearby SNe Ia having significant overlap with the H09 sample, and they do distinguish between 91T-like and 99aa-like events. Combining those studies, we therefore exclude SN 1998ab and SN 2003hu from our baseline analysis on the basis of their 91T-like character. SN 1999gp is also 91T-like, but has no *GALEX* data or MLCS2k2 measurement. The resulting 91T-like fraction of 2.7% matches the result of Scalzo et al. (2012). Therefore, in this regard the parent population of the SNe Ia sample studied here is in agreement with that of R13.

B.2. Highly Inclined SN Host Galaxies

In R13, highly-inclined galaxies were identified as cases where a locally passive environment might incorrectly be associated with an $H\alpha$ signal due to projection. In the present case, however, highly inclined galaxies are as likely to suffer suppressed FUV emission due to strong dust absorption (see, e.g., Conroy et al. 2010). Thus, it is unclear whether inclination is more likely to produce false-positive or false-negative environment categorizations.

Within the set of host galaxies studied here, SN 1992ag, SN 1995ac, SN 1997dg, SN 2006ak and SN 2006cc are highly inclined and are classified as $Ia\alpha$, and therefore may be examples where a locally passive environment has been miscategorized as a star-forming environment due to projection. On the other hand, SN 1998eg and SN 2006gj are examples of SNe Ia in edge-on galaxies with no FUV signal, which might be suppressed due to dust extinction. Following R13, these cases are removed from our main analysis. In Section 2.4 we examined whether including them in the main sample has any effect on our results, and found it did not. We note that such edge-on galaxies would not be suitable for Cepheid measurements either.

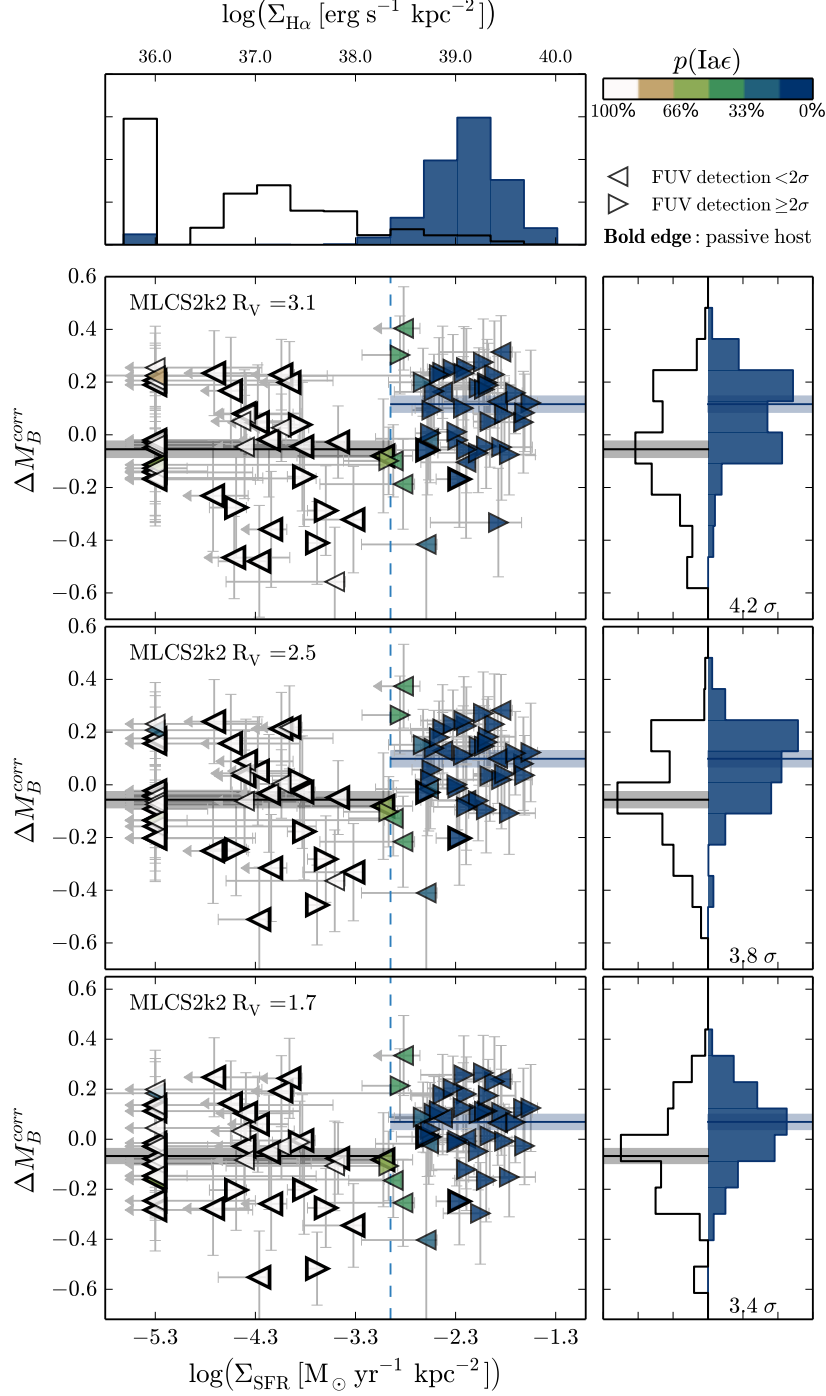


Fig. A.1.— SN Ia MLCS2k2 standardized Hubble residuals (ΔM_B^{corr}) as a function of $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})$, from the bottom to the top: R_V of 1.7, 2.5 and 3.1, respectively. This plot is constructed like Figure 1.

C. Additional Potential Cases of Miscategorization

C.1. Bright Elliptical Cores

Another type of miscategorization can occur when the FUV signal does not directly trace star formation, namely when the signal originating from the very inner cores of E/S0 galaxies surpasses our chosen threshold simply due to the large column of stars along our line of sight (e.g. see FUV surface brightness profiles for E/S0 galaxies in Marino et al. 2011). While this problem is far worse in the NUV band, we considered it prudent to examine this in FUV as well. SNe Ia are rarely detected on E/S0 galaxy cores due to low contrast, subtraction errors, and the overall small fraction of stars projected onto the core relative to the entire galaxy, so only a dozen cases needed this special attention.

We identified two cases of SNe close to the core of E/S0 galaxies for which the *GALEX* FUV signal is above our threshold: SN 2005hc and SN 2005mc. These have sSFR measurements (Neill et al. 2009) which are ambiguous. In the case of SN 2005hc, there is an apparent star-forming disk present, which in optical light is hidden by the glare of old stars, and the SN is projected onto this disk. Therefore, the categorization of the local environment of SN 2005hc as Ia ϵ seems correct. We note that in this case a categorization based on morphology alone — which is commonly applied in SN host studies — would produce erroneous results.

In the case of SN 2005mc, located in (R')SB0 galaxy UGC 4414 (de Vaucouleurs et al. 1991), there is FUV light at the very core, as well as FUV light from a known star-forming ring. The SN lies close to the core, which is slightly bluer in FUV–NUV than the cores of normal E/S0 galaxies but not as blue as the star-forming ring. The SDSS spectrum of the core reveals evidence for LINER activity, with stellar-absorption-corrected H α emission significantly weaker than [NII] λ 6583 Å or [SII] λ 6717, 6731 Å (Baldwin et al. 1981; Veilleux & Osterbrock 1987; Kewley et al. 2006). Thus, the signal in the core may be due in part to the high column density of old stars projected onto the core combined with LINER activity. To test this we remeasured the FUV flux in a 1 kpc aperture, which safely clears any light from the core. The resulting Σ_{SFR} did not change significantly, therefore, we retain classification of SN 2005mc as having a Ia ϵ environment.

As part of this study we examined SN 2003ic, which has an elliptical host galaxy but where *GALEX* shows signs of recent star-formation. It's observed Σ_{SFR} , which was not corrected for extinction since the host appeared to be globally passive, is below our threshold and gives $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon) = 100\%$. If an extinction correction had been applied, its Σ_{SFR} would have been slightly above our threshold, with $\mathcal{P}(\text{Ia}\epsilon) \sim 30\%$. It is thus likely to be the third case of a SN Ia associated with comparatively recent star-formation hidden in an otherwise normal-looking elliptical host galaxy. Förster & Schawinski (2008) and Schawinski (2009) have also searched for such cases. This SN Ia is discussed extensively in Kelly et al. (2010) since it is in the largest host galaxy in their sample and thus helps drive some of the trends they report.

C.2. Diluted FUV Signal from Star-Forming Environments

Here we consider the possibility that an actively star-forming environment may fall below our threshold due low stellar surface density or due to geometrical dilution. Potential examples of these situations may include low surface brightness galaxies, tidal tails, dwarf galaxies, or an aperture extending beyond the nominal edge of the SN host galaxy.

Because the vast majority of SNe Ia in the H09 sample came from searches that targeted galaxies selected

from magnitude-limited catalogs, the sample contains few dwarf galaxies and no known SNe Ia in tidal tails or giant low surface brightness galaxies. Nor is the drop in surface brightness with galactocentric radius a major consideration for the galaxies considered here; inspection of the *GALEX* Ultraviolet Atlas of Nearby Galaxies (Gil de Paz et al. 2007) shows that for galaxies typical of those hosting SNe Ia in the H09 sample, when there is active SF it rises above our SF surface density threshold over most of the face of the galaxy. Indeed, within the canonical D_{25} optical diameter (de Vaucouleurs et al. 1991), the azimuthally-averaged FUV surface brightness range is typically only around ~ 1 dex (Gil de Paz et al. 2007). Much of this variation is due to the change in filling fraction with radius rather than change in local surface brightness. This compares with to the 3–4 dex amplitude of the FUV surface density signal.

However, we have identified the hosts of SN 1999aw and SN 2006an as dwarf galaxies whose sizes are smaller than the *GALEX* PSF. They were both found in large-area surveys unbiased towards SNe Ia in known galaxies. We estimate colors of $B - V \sim 0.4 \pm 0.3$ for the hosts of SN 1999aw and SN 2006an, based on photometry from Strolger et al. (2002) and SDSS, respectively. While these optical colors are not nearly as blue as those of the 125 Myr old host of SN 2007if (Childress et al. 2011), the colors for the hosts of SN 1999aw and SN 2006an are consistent with those of the blue compact dwarfs presented in Hunter et al. (2010), all of which would have high star formation surface densities given FUV observations of comparable resolution and sensitivity.

In SDSS, the host of SN 2006an has a Petrosian radius of 2.4 ± 0.5 arcsec, or 1.6 ± 0.3 kpc at its redshift of $z = 0.065$. Thus, the effect of geometrical dilution should be small. Still, because its size is comparable to the *GALEX* PSF, it will be suppressed by as much as 0.3 dex since our aperture will not encompass all of the flux of a compact star-forming region close to SN 2006an. Thus, our current limit of $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) < -2.2$ dex could increase to as much as $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) < -1.9$ dex.

Strolger et al. (2002) find that the host of SN 1999aw is barely spatially resolved, having FWHM ~ 0.4 arcsec, or ~ 0.1 kpc at its redshift $z = 0.038$. Thus the geometrical dilution would be ~ 0.6 dex for a 2 kpc radius aperture relative to the 1 kpc aperture used in R13. Measurement of the FUV flux from the host of SN 1999aw also will be suppressed by roughly 0.3 dex because our aperture doesn’t cover the full PSF and the galaxy is unresolved by *GALEX*. Combining both effects, our current limit of $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) < -3.5$ dex could increase to roughly $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) < -2.6$ dex. However, if the area over which to measure SF were limited to the size of this tiny galaxy, that would raise the limit to something more like $\log(\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}) < -0.5$ dex.

For both dwarfs, much deeper FUV data would be needed in order to turn our current upper limits into detections able to firmly classify these two dwarfs. Since the current analysis has only two such cases, their impact is negligible. However, this may become an issue given the higher fraction of SNe Ia in dwarf galaxies now being found in large-area surveys unbiased towards known galaxies.

Besides the geometrical dilution for small galaxies, there will be cases where part of our UV measurement aperture extends beyond the nominal edge of the SN host galaxy. The region outside the host will bias Σ_{SFR} low, though there is likely to be some compensation from inner, and often brighter, host light spread outwards by the *GALEX* PSF. However, it is difficult to define an actual galaxy “edge,”; at UV wavelengths disks often extend 20–40% beyond the nominal D_{25} optical diameter (Barnes et al. 2011). Therefore, we have not implemented any compensation for this potential bias.

D. Diffuse FUV Emission

In star-forming galaxies there is a diffuse FUV component that is comparable to the diffuse $H\alpha$ observed outside HII regions. In the case of $H\alpha$ it remains uncertain whether this diffuse component arises directly from recombination in the warm interstellar medium or scattering off dust particles in the interstellar medium. Further information on the characteristics of the diffuse $H\alpha$ can be found in Oey et al. (2007), Seon & Witt (2012) and references therein, and in Section 3 of R13. Seon et al. (2011) compare the diffuse $H\alpha$ and FUV for the Galaxy, finding them to be highly correlated. They estimate that for high latitudes 37% of the $H\alpha$ in the Galaxy is in a diffuse component on average, but with wide variation. They estimate that in the Galaxy the direct and diffuse components are comparable. Thilker et al. (2005) find that 65% of FUV surface brightness measured on a scale of 1.5 kpc arise from a diffuse component in M33. This compares with a 45% diffuse component for $H\alpha$. We have applied their procedure to a number of spiral galaxies in the *GALEX* Nearby Galaxy Atlas (Gil de Paz et al. 2007), but instead using a 2 kpc radius aperture (to match what we use for the SN host measurements), and find diffuse FUV fractions in the range 30–80%. Such a diffuse component may increase the chance that a SN Ia with a passive local environment will be mistakenly characterized as a star-forming environment due to projection onto strong diffuse FUV emission. However, even if the diffuse FUV emission is due to scattering, it is mostly likely to be associated with regions of active star formation over the 2 kpc scale used here. Fortunately, the star formation surface density spans such a large range — $1000\times$ in this study and in R13 — that these factors do not contribute much uncertainty to star formation categorizations for the majority of SNe Ia.